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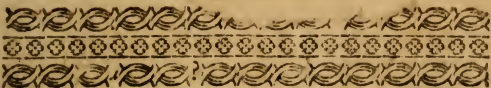
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A New Version of the PSALMS, &c.

P S A L M I.

- 1 **H**OW blest is he, who ne'er consents
by ill advice to walk :
Nor stands in sinners ways, nor sits
where men prophane talk !
- 2 But makes the perfect law of God
his bus'ness and delight ;
Devoutly reads therein by day,
and meditates by night.
- 3 Like some fair tree, which fed by streams,
with time'y fruit does bend,
He still shall flourish, and success
all his designs attend.
- 4 Ungodly men, and their attempts,
no lasting root shall find,
Untimely blasted, and dispers'd,
like chaff before the wind.
- 5 Their guilt shall strike the wicked dumb
before the judge's face :
No formal hypocrite shall then
among the saints have place.
- 6 For God approves the just man's ways,
to happiness they tend :
But sinners and the paths they tread,
shall both in ruin end.

P S A L M II.

- 1 **W**ITH restless and ungovern'd rage,
 why do the heathen storm?
 Why in such rash attempts engage,
 as they can ne'er perform?
- 2 The great in counsel, and in might,
 their various forces bring!
 Against the Lord they all unite,
 and his anointed king.
- 3 "Must we submit to their commands?
 presumptuously they say:
 "No, let us break their slavish bands,
 "and cast their chains away."
- 4 But God, who sits enthron'd on high
 and sees how they combine,
 Does their conspiring strength defy,
 and mocks their vain design.
- 5 Thick clouds of wrath divine shall break
 on his rebellious foes:
 And thus will he in thunder speak,
 to all that dare oppose.
- 6 "Though madly you dispute my will,
 "the king that I ordain,
 "Whose throne is fix'd on Sion's hill,
 "shall there securely reign."
- 7 Attend, O earth, whilst I declare
 God's uncontroul'd decree:
 "Thou art my son this day my heir,
 "have I begotten thee.
- 8 Ask, and receive thy full demands;
 thine shall the heathen be;
 The utmost limits of the lands,
 "shall be possess'd by thee.

- 9 “Thy threat’ning sceptre thou shalt shake,
 “and crush them ev’ry where ;
 “As massy bars of iron break,
 “the potter’s brittle ware.
- 10 Learn then ye princes and give ear,
 ye judges of the earth ;
- 11 Worship the Lord with holy fear,
 rejoice with awful mirth.
- 12 Appease the son with due respect,
 your timely homage pay ;
 Lest he revenge the bold neglect,
 incens’d by your delay.
- 13 If but in part his anger rise,
 who can endure the flame ?
 Then blest are they whose hope relies
 on his most holy name.

P S A L M III.

- 1 **H**OW many, Lord of late are grown
 the troublers of my peace !
 And as their numbers hourly rise,
 so does their rage increase.
- 2 Insulting, they my soul upbraid,
 and him whom I adore :
 The God in whom he trusts, say they
 shall rescue him no more.
- 3 But thou, O Lord, art my defence ;
 on thee my hopes rely :
 Thou art my glory and shalt yet,
 lift up my head on high.
- 4 Since whensoever in like distress,
 to God I made my pray’r,
 He heard me from his holy hill ;
 why should I now despair ?

5 Guarded by him, I laid me down,
my sweet repose to take ;

For I through him securely sleep,
through him in safety wake.

6 No force nor fury of my foes,
my courage shall confound ;

Were they as many hosts as men,
that have beset me round.

7 Arise, and save me, O my God,
who oft hast own'd my cause ;

And scatter'd oft these foes to me,
and to thy righteous laws.

8 Salvation to the Lord belongs ;
he only can defend ;

His blessing he extends to all,
that on his pow'r depend.

P S A L M IV.

1 **O** Lord, that art my righteous judge,
to my complaint give ear,

Thou still redeem'st me from distress :
have mercy, Lord and hear.

2 How long will ye, O sons of men,
to blot my fame devise ?

How long your vain designs pursue,
and spread malicious lies ?

3 Consider that the righteous man
is God's peculiar choice :

And when to him I make my pray'r,
he always hears my voice.

4 Then stand in awe of his commands,
flee ev'ry thing that's ill ;

Commune in private with your hearts,
and bend them to his will.

- 5 The place of other sacrifice ;
 let righteousness supply ;
 And let your hope, securely fix'd,
 on God alone rely.
- 6 While worldly minds impatient grow,
 more prosp'rous times to see ;
 Still let the glories of thy face
 shine brightly, Lord, on me.
- 7 So shall my heart o'erflow with joy,
 more lasting, and more true,
 Than theirs, who stores of corn and wine
 successively renew.
- 8 Then down in peace I'll lay my head,
 and take my needful rest :
 No other guard, O Lord, I crave,
 of thy defence possést.

P S A L M V.

- 1 **L**ORD, hear the voice of my complaint,
 accept my secret pray'r ;
- 2 To thee alone, my king, my God,
 will I for help repair.
- 3 Thou in the morn my voice shalt hear,
 and with the dawning day,
 To thee devoutly I'll look up,
 to thee devoutly pray.
- 4 For thou, the wrongs that I sustain,
 can'st never, Lord, approve ;
 Who from thy sacred dwelling-place
 all evil dost remove.
- 5 Not long shall stubborn fools remain
 unpunish'd in thy view :
 All such as act unrighteous things,
 thy vengeance shall pursue.

6 The stand'ring tongue, O God of truth,
by thee shall be destroy'd ;

Who hat'st alike the man in blood,
and in deceit employ'd.

7 But when thy boundless grace shall me
to thy lov'd courts restore,

On thee I'll fix my longing eyes,
and humbly there adore.

8 Conduct me by thy righteous laws ;
for watchful is my foe :

Therefore, O Lord, make plain the way,
wherein I ought to go.

9 Their mouth vents nothing but deceit ;
their heart is set on wrong ;

Their throat is a devouring grave ;
they flatter with their tongue.

10 By their own counsels let them fall,
oppress'd with loads of sin :

For they against thy righteous laws
have harden'd rebels been.

11 But let all those who trust in thee,
with shouts their joy proclaim ;

Let them rejoice, whom thou preserv'st,
and all that love thy name.

12 To righteous men the righteous Lord
his blessing will extend ;

And with his favour all his saints,
as with a shield, defend.

P S A L M VI.

1 **T**HY dreadful anger, Lord restrain,
and spare a wretch forlorn :

Correct me not in thy fierce wrath,
too heavy to be borne.

- 2 Have mercy, Lord ; for I grow faint,
unable to endure
The anguish of my aching bones,
which thou alone canst cure.
- 3 My tortur'd flesh distracts my mind,
and fills my soul with grief :
But, Lord how long wilt thou delay
to grant me thy relief ?
- 4 Thy wonted goodness, Lord, repeat
and ease my troubled soul :
Lord for thy wond'rous mercies sake,
vouchsafe to make me whole.
- 5 For after death no more can I
thy glorious acts proclaim ;
No pris'ner of the silent grave
can magnify thy name.
- 6 Quite tir'd with pain, with groaning faint,
no hope of ease I see ;
The night, that quiets common griefs,
is spent in tears by me.
- 7 My beauty fades, my sight grows dim,
my eyes with weakness close ;
Old age o'ertakes me, whilst I think
on my insulting foes.
- 8 Depart, ye wicked ; in my wrongs
ye shall no more rejoice ;
For God, I find, accepts my tears,
and listens to my voice.
- 9, 10 He hears and grants my humble pray'r
and they that wish my fall,
Shall blush and rage, to see that God
protects me from them all.

P S A L M VII.

1 **O** LORD, my God, since I have plac'd
my trust alone in thee,
From all my persecutors rage,
do thou deliver me.

2 To save me from my threat'ning foe,
Lord interpose thy pow'r ;
Least, like a savage lion, he
my helpless soul devour.

3, 4 If I am guilty, or did e'er
against his peace combine ;
Nay, if I have not spar'd his life,
who fought unjustly mine ;

5 Let then to persecuting foes,
my soul become a prey ;
Let them to earth tread down my life,
in dust my honour lay.

6 Arise, and let thine anger, Lord,
in my defence engage ;
Exalt thyself above my foes,
and their insulting rage :
Awake, awake in my behalf
the judgment to dispense,
Which thou hast righteously ordain'd
for injur'd innocence.

7 So to thy throne adoring crouds
shall still for justice fly :
Oh ! therefore for their sakes, resume,
thy judgment seat on high.

8 Impartial judge of all the world,
I trust my cause to thee ;
According to my just deserts
so let my sentence be.

9 Let

- 9 Let wicked arts and wicked men,
together be o'erthrown ;
But guard the just, thou God to whom
the hearts of both are known.
- 10, 11 God me protects ; not only me,
but all of upright heart ;
And daily lays up wrath for those
who from his laws depart.
- 12 If they persist, he whets his sword,
his bow stands ready bent ;
- 13 Even now, with swift destruction wing'd
his pointed shafts are sent.
- 14 The plots are fruitless, which my foe
unjustly did conceive,
- 15 The pit he digg'd for me has prov'd
his own untimely grave.
- 16 On his own head his spite returns,
whilst I from harm am free :
On him the violence is fall'n,
which he design'd for me.
- 17 Therefore will I the righteous ways
of providence proclaim ;
I'll sing the praise of God most high,
and celebrate his name.

P S A L M VIII.

- 1 **O** THOU, to whom all creatures bow
within this earthly frame,
Thro' all the world, how great art thou !
how glorious is thy name !
In heav'n thy wond'rous acts are sung,
nor fully reckon'd there ;
- 2 And yet thou mak'st the infant tongue,
thy boundless praise declare.

Thro'

Thro' thee the weak confound the strong
 and crush their haughty foes ;
 And so thou quell'st the wicked throng
 that thee and thine oppose.

3 When heav'n, thy beauteous work on high
 employs my wond'ring sight ;
 The moon, that nightly rules the sky,
 with stars of feebl' light.

4 What's man, say I, that, Lord, thou lov'st
 to keep him in thy mind ?

Or what his offspring, that thou prov'st
 to them so wond'rous kind ?

5 Him next in power thou didst create
 to thy celestial train ;

6 Ordain'd, with dignity and state
 o'er all thy works to reign.

7 They jointly own his pow'rful sway ;
 the beast that prey or graze ;

8 The bird that wings its airy way ;
 the fish that cuts the seas.

9 O thou to whom all creatuers bow
 within this earthly frame,

Thro' all the world how great art thou !
 how glorious is thy name !

P S A L M IX.

TO celebrate thy praise, O Lord,
 I will my heart prepare :

To all the list'ning world thy works,
 thy wond'rous works declare.

2 The thought of them shall to my soul
 exalted pleasure bring ;

Whilst to thy name, O thou most high,
 triumphant praise I sing.

3 Thou

- 3 Thou mad'st my haughty foes to turn
their backs in shameful flight ;
Struck with thy presence, down they fell ;
they perish'd at thy sight.
- 4 Against insulting foes advanc'd,
thou didst my cause maintain ;
My right asserting from thy throne,
where truth and justice reign.
- 5 The insolence of heathen pride
thou hast reduc'd to shame ;
Their wicked offspring quite destroy'd,
and blotted out their name.
- 6 Mistaken foes, your haughty threats
are to a period come ;
Our city stands, which you design'd
to make your common tomb.
- 7, 8 The Lord for ever lives, who has
his righteous throne prepar'd
Impartial justice to dispense,
to punish or reward.
- 9 God is a constant sure defence
against oppressing rage ;
As troubles rise, his needful aids
in our behalf engage.
- 10 All those who have his goodness prov'd,
will in his truth confide ;
Whose mercy ne'er forsook the man
that on his help rely'd.
- 11 Sing praises therefore to the Lord,
from Zion his abode ;
Proclaim his deeds, 'till all the world,
confess no other God.

P A R T II.

12 When he inquiry makes for blood,
he calls the poor to mind :

The injur'd humble man's complaint,
redress from him shall find.

13 Take pity on my troubles, Lord,
which spiteful foes create,
Thou that hast rescu'd me so oft
from death's devouring gate.

14 In Zion then I'll sing thy praise,
to all that love thy name ;
And with loud shouts of grateful joy
thy saving pow'r proclaim.

15 Deep in the pit they digg'd for me
the heathen pride is laid.
Their guilty feet to their own snare
insensibly betray'd.

16 Thus, by the just returns he makes
the mighty Lord is known ;
While wicked men by their own plots
are shamefully o'erthrown.

17 No single sinner shall escape
by privacy obscur'd ;
Nor nation, from his just revenge,
by numbers be secur'd.

18 His suff'ring saints, when most distress'd
he ne'er forgets to aid ;
Their expectations shall be crown'd,
tho' for a time delay'd.

19 Arise, O Lord, assert my pow'r,
and let not man o'ercome ;
Descend to judgment and pronounce
the guilty heathens doom.

20 Strike terror thro' the nations round,
 'till by consenting fear,
 They to each other, and themselves,
 but mortal men appear.

P S A L M X.

THy presence why withdraw'st thou Lord
 why hid'st thou now thy face,
 When dismal times of deep distress
 call for thy wonted grace ?

2 The wicked, swell'd with lawless pride,
 have made the poor their prey :

O let them fall by those designs
 which they for others lay.

3 For strait they triumph, if success
 their thriving crimes attend ;

And fordid wretches, whom God hates,
 perversly they commend.

4 To own a pow'r above themselves
 their haughty pride disdains ;

And therefore in their stubborn mind
 no thought of God remains.

5 Oppressive methods they pursue,
 and all their foes they slight ;

Because thy judgments unobserv'd
 are far above their sight.

6 They fondly think their prosp'rous state,
 shall unmolested be ;

They think their vain designs shall thrive
 from disappointment free.

7 Vain and deceitful is their speech,
 with curses fill'd, and lies ;

By which the mischief of their heart
 they study to disguise.

8 Near public roads they lie conceal'd,
and all their art employ,
The innocent and poor at once
to rifle, and destroy.

9 Not lions, couching in their dens,
surprize their heedless prey
With greater cunning, or express
more savage rage, than they.

10 Sometimes they act the harmless man,
and modest looks they wear ;
That so deceiv'd the poor may less
their sudden onset fear.

P A R T II.

11 For God, they think, no notice takes
of their unrighteous deeds ;
He never minds the suff'ring poor,
nor their oppression heeds.

12 But thou, O Lord, at length arise
stretch forth thy mighty arm ;
And, by the greatness of thy pow'r,
defend the poor from harm.

13 No longer let the wicked vaunt,
and proudly boasting, say,
“ The Lord regards not what we do,
“ he never will repay.”

14 But sure, thou seest, and all their deeds
impartially dost try :
The orphan, therefore, and the poor,
on thee for aid rely.

15 Defenceless let the wicked fall,
of all their strength bereft :
Confound, O God, their dark designs,
'till no remains are left.

16 Assert thy just dominion, Lord,
 which shal' forever stand ;
 Thou, who the heathen did'st expel
 from this thy chosen land.

17 Thou dost the humble suppliants hear,
 that to thy throne repair ;
 Thou first prepar'st their hearts to pray,
 and then accept'st their pray'r.

Thou, in thy righteous judgment, weigh'st
 the fatherless and poor ;
 That so the tyrants of the earth
 may persecute no more.

P S A L M XI.

1 **S**INCE I have plac'd my trust in God,
 a refuge always nigh,
 Why should I like a tim'rous bird,
 to distant mountains fly ?

2 Behold the wicked bend their bow,
 and ready fix their darts :
 Lurking in ambush to destroy
 the man of upright heart.

5 When once the firm assurance fails,
 which public faith imparts,
 'Tis time for innocence to fly
 from such deceitful arts.

5 The Lord hath both a temple here,
 and righteous throne above ;
 Where he surveys the sons of men,
 and how their counsels move :

5 If God, the righteous, whom he loves,
 for tryal does correct ;
 What must the sons of violence,
 whom he abhors, expect ?

- 6 Snares, fire and brimstone, on their heads
shall in one tempest show'r ;
This dreadful mixture his revenge
into their cup shall pour.
- 7 The righteous Lord will righteous deeds
with signal favour grace ;
And to the upright man disclose
the brightness of his face.

P S A L M XII.

- 1 **S**INCE godly men decay, O Lord,
do thou my cause defend ;
For scarce these wretched times afford
one just and faithful friend.
- 2 One neighbour now can scarce believe,
what th' other doth impart ;
With flatt'ring lips they all deceive,
and with a double heart.
- 3 But lips that with deceit abound,
can never prosper long ;
God's righteous vengeance will confound
the proud blaspheming tongue.
- 4 In vain those foolish boasters say,
“ our tongues are sure our own ;
“ With doubtful words we'll still betray,
“ and be controul'd by none.”
- 5 For God, who hears the suff'ring poor,
and their oppression knows,
Will soon arise, and give them rest,
in spite of all their foes.
- 6 The word of God shall still abide,
and void of falshood be,
As is the silver, sev'n times try'd,
from drossy mixture free,

- 7 The promise of his aiding grace
shall reach its purpos'd end ;
His servants from this faithless race
he ever shall defend.
- 8 Then shall the wicked be perplex'd,
to know which way to fly ;
When those whom they despis'd and vex'd,
shall be advanc'd on high.

P S A L M XIII.

- 1 **H**OW long wilt thou forget me, Lord ?
must I forever mourn ?
How long wilt thou withdraw from me,
Oh, never to return ?
- 2 How long shall anxious thoughts my soul,
and grief my heart oppress ?
How long my enemies insult,
and I have no redress ?
- 3 O, hear ! and to my longing eyes
restore thy wonted light ;
And suddenly, or I shall sleep
in everlasting night.
- 4 Restore me, lest they proudly boast
'twas their own strength o'ercame :
Permit not them that vex my soul,
to triumph in my shame.
- 5 Since I have always plac'd my trust
beneath thy mercy's wing,
Thy saving health will come, and then
my heart with joy shall spring ;
- 6 Then shall my song, with praise inspir'd
to thee, my God, ascend,
Who to thy servant in distress,
such bounty didst extend.

P S A L M XIV.

1 **S**URE, wicked fools must needs suppose
That God is nothing but a name :

Corrupt and lewd their practice grows,
No breast is warm'd with holy flame.

2 The Lord look'd down from heav'nshigh
And all the sons of men did view, (tow'r
To see if any own'd his pow'r ;
If any truth or justice new.

3 But all he saw, were gone aside,
All were degen'rate grown and base :
None took religion for their guide,
Not one of all the sinful race.

4 But can these workers of deceit
Be all so dull and senseless grown,
That they, like bread my people eat,
And God's almighty pow'r disown ?

5 How will they tremble then for fear,
When his just wrath shall them o'ertake !
For, to the righteous, God is near,
And never will their cause forsake.

6 Ill men, in vain with scorn expose
The methods which the good pursue ;
Since God a refuge is for those
Whom his just eyes with favor view.

7 Would he his saving pow'r employ,
To break his peoples servile band ;
Then shouts of universal joy
Shall loudly eccho thro' the land.

P S A L M XV.

1 **L**ORD, who's the happy man that may
to thy blest courts repair ;
Not, stranger-like, to visit them,
but to inhabit there ?

- 2 'Tis he, whose ev'ry thought, and deed
by rules of virtue moves ;
Whose gen'rous tongue disdains to speak
the thing his heart disproves.
- 3 Who never did a slander forge,
his neighbour's fame to wound
Nor hearken to a false report,
by malice whisper'd round.
- 4 Who vice in all it's pomp and pow'r,
can treat with just neglect ;
And piety, tho' cloath'd in rags,
religiously respect.
Who to his plighted vows and trust
has ever firmly stood ;
And tho' he promise to his loss,
he makes his promise good.
- 5 Whose soul in usury disdains
his treasure to employ ;
Whom no rewards can ever bribe,
the guiltless to destroy.
The man, who by this steady course
has happiness ensur'd,
When earth's foundation shakes shall stand,
by Providence secur'd.

P S A L M XVI.

- 1 **P**ROTECT me from my cruel foes,
and shield me, Lord, from harm ;
Because my trust I still repose
on thy almighty arm.
- 2 My soul all help but thine does slight,
all gods but thee disown ;
Yet can no deeds of mine requite,
the goodness thou has shown.

3 But those who strictly virtuous are,
and love the thing that's right,

To favour always, and prefer,
shall be my chief delight.

4 How shall their sorrows be increas'd,
who other gods adore !

Their bloody off'rings I detest,
their very names abhor.

5 My lot is fall'n in that blest land,
where God is truly known ;

He fills my cup with lib'ral hand ;
'tis he supports my throne.

6 In nature's most delightful scene
my happy portion lies ;

The place of my appointed reign
all other lands outvies.

7 Therefore my soul shall bless the Lord,
whose precepts give me light,

And private counsel still afford,
in sorrow's dismal night.

8 I strive each action to approve
to his all-seeing eye ;

No danger shall my hopes remove,
because he still is nigh.

9 Therefore my heart all grief defies,
my glory does rejoice ;

My flesh shall rest, in hopes to rise,
wak'd by his pow'rful voice.

10 Thou, Lord, when I resign my breath,
my soul from hell shalt free ;

Nor let thy holy one in death
the least corruption see.

11 Thou shalt the paths of life display,
that to thy presence lead ;
Where pleasures dwell without allay,
and joys that never fade.

P S A L M XVII.

1 **T**O my just plea, and sad complaint,
attend, O righteous Lord,
And to my pray'r, as 'tis unfeign'd,
a gracious ear afford.

2 As in thy sight I am approv'd,
so let my sentence be ;
And with impartial eyes, O Lord,
my upright dealings see.

3 For thou hast search'd my heart by day
and visited by night ;
And on the strictest trial found
its secret motions right.
Nor shall thy justice, Lord alone
my heart's designs acquit ;
For I have purpos'd, that my tongue
shall not offence commit.

4 I know what wicked men would do,
their safety to maintain ;
But me thy just and mild commands
from bloody paths restrain.

5 That I may still in spite of wrongs,
my innocence secure,
O, guide me in thy righteous ways,
and make my footsteps sure.

6 Since heretofore I ne'er in vain
to thee my pray'r address'd :
O ! now my God, incline thine ear
to this my just request.

7 The wonders of thy truth and love
 in my defence engage,
 Thou whose right-hand preserves thy saints
 from their oppressors rage.

P A R T II.

8, 9 O! keep me in thy tend'rest care;
 thy sheltring wings stretch out,
 To guard me safe from savage foes,
 that compass me about:

10 O'ergrown with luxury, inclos'd
 in their own fat they lie;
 And with a proud blaspheming mouth
 both God and man defie.

11 Well may they boast, for they have now
 my paths encompass'd round;
 Their eyes at watch, their bodies bow'd
 and couching on the ground.

12 In posture of a lion set,
 when greedy of his prey;
 Or a young lion when he lurks
 within a covert way.

13 Arise, O Lord, defeat their plots,
 their swelling rage controul:
 From wicked men, who are thy sword,
 deliver thou my soul:

14 From worldly men thy sharpest scourge
 whose portion's here below;
 Who fill'd with earthly stores aspire
 no other blis to know.

15 Their race is num'rous that partake
 their substance while they live;
 Their heirs survive, to whom they may
 the vast remainder give.

16 But

16 But I in uprightnefs, thy face,
 fhall view without controul,
 And, waking, fhall its image find
 reflected in my foul.

P S A L M XVIII.

1, 2 **N**O change of times fhall ever fhock
 my firm affection, Lord to thee ;
 For thou haft always been a rock,
 A fortrefs and defence to me.
 Thou my deliv'rer art, my God,
 my trust is in thy mighty pow'r ;
 Thou art my fhield from foes abroad,
 at home my safe-guard and my tow'r.

3 To thee I will address my pray'r,
 (to whom all praise we juftly owe)
 So fhall I, by thy watchful care,
 be guarded from my treach'rous foe.
 4, 5 By floods of wicked men diftreff'd,
 with deadly forrows compafs'd round,
 With dire internal pangs opprefs'd,
 in death's unweildy fetters bound.

6 To heav'n I made my mournful pray'r,
 to God address my humble moan :
 Who graciously inclin'd his ear,
 and heard me from his lofty throne.

P A R T II.

7 When God arofe to take my part,
 the confcious earth did quake for fear ;
 From their firm pofts the hills did ftart,
 nor could his dreadful fury bear.

8 Thick clouds of fmoke difperft abroad,
 enftgn of wrath before him came,
 Devouring fire around him glow'd,
 that coals were kindled at its flame.

9 He left the beauteous realms of light,
 whilst heav'n bow'd down its awful head;
 Beneath his feet substantial night,
 was like a sable carpet spread.

10 The chariot of the king of kings,
 which active troops of angels drew,
 On a strong tempest's rapid wings,
 with most amazing swiftness flew.

11, 12 Black watry mists and clouds conspir'd
 with thickest shades his face to veil;
 But at his brightness soon retir'd,
 and fell in show'rs of fire and hail.

13 Thro' heav'n's wide arch a thund'ring peal
 God's angry voice did loudly roar;
 While earth's sad face, with heaps of hail
 and flakes of fire was cover'd o'er.

14 His sharpen'd arrows round he threw,
 which made his scatter'd foes retreat;
 Like darts his nimble light'nings flew,
 and quickly finish'd their defeat.

15 The deep it's secret stores disclos'd;
 the world's foundation naked lay,
 By his avenging wrath expos'd,
 which fiercely rag'd that dreadful day.

P A R T III.

16 The Lord did on my side engage,
 from heav'n (his throne) my cause upheld,
 And snatch'd me from the furious rage
 of threat'ning waves that proudly swell'd.

17 God his resistless pow'r employ'd,
 my strongest foes attempts to break;
 Who else with ease had soon destroy'd,
 the weak defence that I could make.

18 Their

18 Their subtle rage had ne'er prevail'd,
when I distress'd and friendless lay,
But still when other succours fail'd,
God was my firm support and stay.
19 From dangers that enclos'd me round,
he brought me forth and set me free ;
For some just cause his goodness found,
that mov'd him to delight in me.

20 Because in me no guilt remains,
God does his gracious help extend ;
My hands are free from bloody stains,
therefore the Lord is still my friend.
21, 22 For I his judgments kept in sight,
in his just paths have always trod ;
I never did his statutes slight,
nor loosely wander'd from my God.

23, 24 But still my soul, sincere and pure,
did ev'n from darling sins refrain ;
His favors therefore yet endure,
because my heart and hands are clean.

P A R T IV.

25, 26 Thou suit'st, O Lord, thy righteous
to various paths of human kind, (ways
They who for mercy merit praise,
with thee shall wond'rous mercy find.
'Thou to the just shall justice shew,
the pure thy purity shall see ;
Such as perversly chuse to go,
shall meet with due returns from thee.

27, 28 That he the humble soul will save,
and crush the haughty's boasted might,
In me the Lord an instance gave,
whose darkness he has turn'd to light.

29 On his firm succour I rely'd,
and did o'er num'rous foes prevail ;
Nor fear'd, whilst he was on my side,
the best defended walls to scale.

30 For God's designs shall still succeed,
his word will bear the utmost test ;
He's a strong shield to all that need,
and on his sure protection rest.

31 Who then deserves to be ador'd,
but God, on whom my hopes depend ?
Or who, except the mighty Lord,
can with resistless pow'r defend ?

P A R T V.

32, 33 'Tis God that girds my armour on,
and all my just designs fulfils ;
Through him, my feet can swiftly run,
and nimbly climb the steepest hills.

34 Lessons of war from him I take,
and manly weapons learn to wield :
Strong bows of steel with ease I break,
forc'd by my stronger arms to yield.

35 The buckler of his saving health
protects me from insulting foes :
His hand sustains me still, my wealth
and greatness from his bounty flows.

36 My goings he enlarg'd abroad,
'till then to narrow paths confin'd,
And when in slipp'ry ways I trod,
the method of my steps design'd.

37 Thro' him I num'rous hosts defeat,
and flying squadrons captive take :
Nor from my fierce pursuit retreat,
till I a final conquest make.

38 Cover'd with wounds in vain they try,
 their vanquish'd heads again to rear ;
 Spite of their boasted strength they lie
 beneath my feet and grovel there.

39 God, when fresh armies take the field,
 recruits my strength, my courage warms :
 He makes my strong opposers yield,
 subdu'd by my prevailing arms.

40 Thro' him the necks of prostrate foes
 my conqu'ring feet in triumph press ;
 Aided by him I root out those
 who hate and envy my success.

41 With loud complaints all friends they
 but none was able to defend ; (try'd
 At length to God for help they cry'd ;
 but God would no assistance lend.

42 Like flying dust, which winds pursue,
 their broken troops I scatter'd round :
 Their slaughter'd bodies forth I threw,
 like loathsome dirt that clogs the ground.

P A R T VI.

43 Our factious tribes, at strife 'till now,
 by God's appointment me obey ;
 The heathen to my sceptre bow,
 and foreign nations own my sway.

44 Remotest realms their homage send,
 when my successful name they hear :
 Strangers for my commands attend,
 charm'd with respect, or aw'd by fear.

45 All to my summons tamely yield,
 or soon in battle are dismay'd :
 For stronger holds they quit the field,
 and still in strongest holds afraid.

46 Let the eternal Lord be prais'd !
 the rock on whose defence I rest ;
 O'er highest heav'ns his name be rais'd,
 who me with his salvation bless'd.

47 'Tis God that still supports my right,
 his just revenge my foes pursues ;
 'Tis he that with resistless might,
 fierce nations to my yoke subdues.

48 My universal safe-guard, he,
 from whom my lasting honors flow ;
 He made me great, and set me free,
 from my remorseless bloody foe.

49 Therefore to celebrate his fame,
 my grateful voice to heav'n I'll raise ;
 And nations, strangers to his name,
 shall thus be taught to sing his praise.

50 " God to his king deliv'rance sends,
 " shews his anointed signal grace ;
 " His mercy evermore extends
 " to David, and his promis'd race."

P S A L M XIX.

1 **T**HE heav'ns declare thy glory, Lord,
 which that alone can fill ;

The firmament and stars express
 their great Creator's skill.

2 The dawn of each returning day,
 fresh beams of knowledge brings :
 And from the dark returns of night
 divine instruction springs.

3 Their pow'rful language to no realm
 or region is confin'd ;

'Tis nature's voice, and understood
 alike by all mankind.

4 Their

- 4 Their doctrine does its sacred sense
thro' earth's extent display ;
Whose bright contents the circling sun
does round the world convey.
- 5 No bridegroom for his nuptials drest,
has such a chearful face ;
No giant does like him rejoice,
to run his glorious race.
- 6 From east to west, from west to east,
his restless course he goes ;
And thro' his progress chearful light,
and vital warmth bestows.

P A R T II.

- 7 God's perfect law converts the soul,
reclaims from false desires ;
With sacred wisdom his sure word
the ignorant inspires.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just,
and bring sincere delight ;
His pure commands in search of truth,
assist the feeblest sight.
- 9 His perfect worship here is fix'd,
on sure foundations laid :
His equal laws are in the scales
of truth and justice weigh'd.
- 10 Of more esteem than golden mines,
or gold refin'd with skill :
More sweet than honey, or the drops
that from the comb distil.
- 11 My trusty counsellors they are,
and friendly warnings give ;
Divine rewards attend on those,
who by thy precepts live.

12 But what frail man observes, how oft,
he does from virtue fall ?

O cleanse me from my secret faults,
thou God that know'st them all.

13 Let no presumptuous sin, O Lord,
dominion have o'er me ;

That by thy grace, preserv'd, I may
the great transgression flee.

14 So shall my pray'r and praises be
with thy acceptance blest ;

And I secure, on thy defence,
my strength and Saviour rest.

P S A L M XX.

1 **T**HE Lord to thy request attend,
and hear thee in distress :

The name of Jacob's God defend,
and grant thy arms success.

2 To aid thee from on high repair,
and strength from Sion give ;

3 Remember all thy off'rings there,
thy sacrifice receive.

4 To compass thine own heart's desire
thy counsels still direct :

Make kindly all events conspire
to bring them to effect.

5 To thy salvation, Lord, for aid
we chearfully repair,

With banners in thy name display'd,
the Lord accept thy pray'r.

6 Our hopes are fix'd, that now the Lord
our sov'reign will defend,

From heav'n resistless aid afford,
and to his pray'r attend.

- 7 Some trust in steeds for war design'd,
on chariots some rely ;
Against them all we'll call to mind
the pow'r of God most high.
- 8 But, from their steeds and chariots thrown
behold them, thro' the plain,
Disorder'd, broke, and trampled down,
whilst firm our troops remain.
- 9 Still save us, Lord, and still proceed
our rightful cause to bless ;
Hear, King of heav'n, in times of need,
the pray'rs that we address.

P S A L M XXI.

- 1 **T**HE king, O Lord, with songs of praise
shall in thy strength rejoice ;
With thy salvation crown'd, shall raise
to heav'n his chearful voice.
- 2 For thou, whate'er his lips request,
not only dost impart,
But hast with thy acceptance blest
the wishes of his heart.
- 3 Thy goodness and thy tender care
have all his hopes out gone ;
A crown of gold thou mad'st him wear
and sett'dst it firmly on.
- 4 He pray'd for life ; and thou, O Lord,
did'st his short span extend,
And graciously to him afford
a life that ne'er shall end.
- 5 Thy sure defence, through nations round,
has spread his glorious name ;
And his successful actions crown'd
with majesty and fame.

6 Eternal blessings thou bestow'st,
and mak'st his joys increase ;
Whilst thou to him, unclouded show'st
the brightness of thy face.

P A R T II.

7 Because the king on God alone
for timely aid relies ;
His mercy still supports his throne,
and all his wants supplies.

8 But righteous Lord, thy stubborn foes
shall feel thy heavy hand ;
Thy vengeful arm shall find out those
that hate thy mild command.

9 When thou against them dost engage,
thy just, but dreadful doom
shall, like a glowing oven's rage,
their hopes and them consume.

10 Nor shall thy furious anger cease,
or with their ruin end ;
But root out all their guilty race,
and to their seed extend.

11 For all their thoughts were set on ill,
their hearts on malice bent ;
But thou with watchful care did'st still
the ill effects prevent.

12 In vain by shameful flight they'll try
to 'scape thy dreadful might ;
While thy swift darts shall faster fly,
and gall them in their flight.

13 Thus, Lord, thy wond'rous strength dis-
and thus exalt thy fame ; [close,
Whilst we glad songs of praise compose
to thy almighty name.

P S A L M XXII.

1 **M**Y God, my God why leav'st thou me,
 when I with anguish faint ;
 O ! why so far from me remov'd,
 and from my loud complaint ?
 2 All day, but all the day unheard,
 to thee do I complain ;
 With cries implore relief all night,
 but cry all night in vain.

3 Yet thou art still the righteous judge
 of innocence oppress'd ;
 And therefore Israel's praises are
 of right to thee address'd.

4, 5 On thee our ancestors rely'd,
 and thy deliv'rance found ;
 With pious confidence they pray'd,
 and with success were crown'd.

6 But I am treated like a worm,
 like none of human birth :
 Not only by the great revil'd,
 but made the rabble's mirth.

7 With laughter all the gazing crowd
 my agonies survey ;
 They shoot the lip, they shake the head,
 and thus, deriding say :

8 " In God he trusted, boasting oft,
 " that he was heav'n's delight ;
 " Let God come down to save him now,
 " and own his favourite."

P A R T II.

9 Thou mad'st my teeming mother's womb
 a living offspring bear ;
 When but a suckling at the breast,
 I was thy early care.

10 Thou

10 Thou, guardian-like didst shield from
 my helpless infant days ; (wrongs
 And since hast been my God and guide,
 through life's bewilder'd ways.

11 Withdraw not then so far from me,
 when trouble is so nigh :
 O ! send me help, thy help, on which
 I only can rely.

12 High-pamper'd bulls, a frowning herd,
 from Basan's forrest met,
 With strength proportion'd to their rage,
 have me around beset.

13 They gape on me, and ev'ry mouth
 a yawning grave appears ;
 The desert lion's savage roar
 less dreadful is than theirs.

P A R T III.

14 My blood, like waters spill'd, my joints
 are rack'd, and out of frame ;
 My heart dissolves within my breast,
 like wax before the flame.

15 My strength like potter's earth is parch'd,
 my tongue cleaves to my jaws ;
 And to the silent shades of death
 my fainting soul withdraws.

16 Like blood-hounds, to surround me, they
 in pack'd assemblies meet ;
 They pierc'd my inoffensive hands,
 they pierc'd my harmless feet.

17 My body's rack'd, till all my bones
 distinctly may be told :
 Yet such a spectacle of woe,
 as pastime they behold.

- 18 As spoil, my garments they divide,
lots for my vesture cast :
- 19 Therefore approach, O Lord, my strength
and to my succour hast.
- 20 From their sharp sword protect thou me,
of all but life bereft ;
- Nor let my darling in the pow'r
of cruel dogs be left.
- 21 To save me from the lion's jaws,
thy present succour send ;
- As once, from goring unicorns,
thou didst my life defend.
- 22 'Then to my brethren I'll declare
the triumphs of thy name ;
- In presence of assembled saints,
thy glory thus proclaim :
- 23 " Ye worshippers of Jacob's God,
" all you of Israel's line,
" O praise the Lord, and to your praise
" sincere obedience join.
- 24 " He ne'er disdain'd on low distress,
" to cast a gracious eye ;
- " Nor turn'd from poverty his face,
" but hears its humble cry."

P A R T IV.

- 25 Thus in thy sacred courts will I
my chearful thanks express ;
- In presence of thy saints perform
the vows of my distress.
- 26 The meek companions of my grief
shall find my table spread ;
- And all that seek the Lord, shall be
with joys immortal fed.
- D
- 27 Then

27 Then shall the glad converted world
to God their homage pay ;
And scatter'd nations of the earth
one sov'reign Lord obey.

28 'Tis his supreme prerogative
o'er subject kings to reign :

'Tis just that he should rule the world,
who does the world sustain.

29 The rich who are with plenty fed
his bounty must confess :

The sons of want, by him reliev'd,
their gen'rous patron bless.

With humble worship to his throne
they all for aid resort :

That power which first their beings gave,
can only them support.

30, 31 Then shall a chosen spotless race,
devoted to his name,

To their admiring heirs, his truth
and glorious acts proclaim.

P S A L M XXIII.

1 **T**HE Lord himself, the mighty Lord
vouchsafes to be my guide ;

The shepherd, by whose constant care
my wants are all supply'd.

2 In tender grass he makes me feed,
and gently there repose ;

Then leads me to cool shades, and where
refreshing water flows.

3 He does my wand'ring soul reclaim,
and, to his endless praise,

Instruct with humble zeal to walk
in his most righteous ways.

4 I pass the gloomy vale of death,
from fear and danger free ;
For there his aiding rod and staff
defend and comfort me.

5 In presence of my spiteful foes,
he does my table spread ;
He crowns my cup with chearful wine,
with oil anoints my head.

6 Since God doth thus his wond'rous love
through all my life extend ;
That life to him I will devote,
and in his temple spend.

P S A L M XXIV.

1 **T**HIS spacious earth is all the Lord's ;
the Lord's her fulness is,
The world, and they that dwell therein,
by sov'reign right are his.

2 He fram'd and fix'd it on the seas ;
and his almighty hand,
Upon inconstant floods has made
the stable fabrick stand.

3 But for himself this Lord of all
one chosen seat design'd :
O ! who shall to that sacred hill
desir'd admittance find ?

4 The man whose hands and heart are pure,
whose thoughts from pride are free ;
Who honest poverty prefers
to gainful perjury.

5 This, this is he, on whom the Lord,
shall shew'r his blessings down ;
Whom God his Saviour shall vouchsafe
with righteousness to crown.

6 Such

6 Such is the race of saints, by whom
the sacred courts are trod ;
And such the profelytes, that seek
the face of Jacob's God.

7 Erect your heads, eternal gates,
unfold, to entertain
The King of glory : see ! he comes
with his celestial train.

8 Who is this King of glory ? Who ?
the Lord for strength renown'd ;
In battle mighty ; o'er his foes,
eternal victor crown'd.

9 Erect your heads, ye gates ; unfold,
in state to entertain
The King of glory : see ! he comes
with all his shining train.

10 Who is this King of glory ? Who ?
the Lord of hosts renown'd ;
Of glory he alone is King.
who is with glory crown'd.

P S A L M XXV.

1, **T**O God, in whom I trust,
2 **I** lift my heart and voice ;
O let me not be put to shame
nor let my foes rejoice.
3 Those who on thee rely,
let no disgrace attend :
Be that the shameful lot of such
as wilfully offend.

4, 5 To me thy truth impart,
and lead me in thy way :
For thou art he that brings me help ;
on thee I wait all day.

6 Thy mercies, and thy love,
O Lord, recall to mind ;
And graciously continue still
as thou wert ever, kind.

7 Let all my youthful crimes
be blotted out by thee ;
And for thy wond'rous goodness' sake,
in mercy think on me.
8 His mercy, and his truth,
the righteous Lord displays,
In bringing wand'ring sinners home,
and teaching them his ways.

9 He those in justice guides,
who his direction seek ;
And in his sacred paths shall lead
the humble and the meek.
10 Through all the ways of God
both truth and mercy shine,
To such as with religious hearts
to his blest will incline.

P A R T II.

11 Since mercy is the grace
that most exalts thy fame ;
Forgive my heinous sin, O Lord,
and so advance thy name.
12 Whoe'er with humble fear
to God his duty pays,
Shall find the Lord a faithful guide,
in all his righteous ways.

13 His quiet soul with peace
shall be forever blest,
And by his num'rous race the land,
successively possess'd.

14 For God to all his saints
his secret will imparts,
And does his gracious cov'nant write
in their obedient hearts.

15 To him I lift my eyes,
and wait his timely aid,
Who breaks the strong and treach'rous snare
which for my feet was laid.

16 O ! turn and all my griefs,
in mercy, Lord, redress ;
For I am compass'd round with woes,
and plung'd in deep distress.

17 The sorrows of my heart
to mighty sums increase ;
O ! from this dark and dismal state
my troubled soul release !

18 Do thou, with tender eyes,
my sad affliction see ;
Acquit me, Lord, and from my guilt
intirely set me free.

19 Consider, Lord, my foes,
how vast their numbers grow !
What lawless force and rage they use,
what boundless hate they show !

20 Protect, and set my soul,
from their fierce malice free ;
Nor let me be asham'd who place
my steadfast trust in thee.

21 Let all my righteous acts
to full perfection rise ;
Because my firm and constant hope
on thee alone relies.

22 To Israel's chosen race
continue ever kind ;

And in the midst of all their wants,
let them thy succour find.

P S A L M XXVI.

1 **J**UDGE me, O Lord ; for I the paths
of righteousness have trod :

I cannot fail, who all my trust
repose on thee, my God.

2, 3 Search, prove my heart, whose innocence
will shine, the more 'tis try'd ;

For I have kept thy grace in view,
and made thy truth my guide.

4 I never for companions took
the idle or prophane ;

No hypocrite, with all his arts,
could e'er my friendship gain.

5 I hate the busy, plotting crew,
who make distracted times ;

And shun their wicked company
as I avoid their crimes.

6 I'll wash my hands in innocence
and bring a heart so pure,

That, when thy altar I approach,
my welcome shall be sure.

7, 8 My thanks I'll publish there, and tell
how thy renown excels :

That seat affords me most delight,
in which thy honour dwells.

9 Pass not on me the sinners doom,
who murder make their trade ;

10 Who other's rights, by secret bribes,
or open force, invade.

11 But

11 But I will walk in paths of truth,
and innocence pursue;
Protect me therefore, and to me
thy mercies, Lord, renew.

12 In spite of all assaulting foes,
I still maintain my ground;
And shall survive amongst thy saints,
thy praises to resound.

P S A L M XXVII.

WHOM should I fear, since God to me
is saving health and light?

Since strongly he my life supports,
what can my soul affright?

2 With fierce intent my flesh to tear,
when foes beset me round,

They stumbled, and their lofty crests
were made to strike the ground.

3 Thro' him my heart undaunted dares
with num'rous hosts to cope;

Thro' him in doubtful streights of war
for good success I hope.

4 Henceforth within his house to dwell
I earnestly desire;

His wond'rous beauty there to view,
and his blest will inquire.

5 For there may I with comfort rest,
in times of deep distress;

And safe as on a rock abide
in that secure recess:

6 Whilst God o'er all my haughty foes
my lofty head shall raise;

And I my joyful off'rings bring,
and sing glad songs of praise.

P A R T II.

- 7 Continue, Lord, to hear my voice,
whene'er to thee I cry ;
In mercy all my prayers receive,
nor my request deny.
- 8 When us to seek thy glorious face
thou kindly dost advise ;
“ Thy glorious face I'll always seek,”
my grateful heart replies.
- 9 Then hide not thou thy face, O Lord,
nor me in wrath reject :
My God and Saviour, leave not him
thou didst so oft protect.
- 10 Tho' all my friends and nearest kin,
their helpless charge forsake ;
Yet thou, whose love excels them all,
wilt care and pity take.
- 11 Instruct me in thy paths, O Lord,
my ways directly guide ;
Lest envious men who watch my steps,
should see me tread aside.
- 12 Lord, disappoint my cruel foes ;
defeat their ill desire,
Whose lying lips, and bloody hands,
against my peace conspire.
- 13 I trusted that my future life
should with thy love be crown'd,
Or else my fainting soul had sunk,
with sorrow compass'd round.
- 14 God's time with patient faith expect,
and he'll inspire thy breast
With inward strength ; do thou thy part,
and leave to him the rest.

P S A L M XXVIII.

1 **O** LORD, my rock, to thee I cry,
in sighs consume my breath,
O ! answer ; or I shall become
like those that sleep in death.

2 Regard my supplications, Lord,
the cries that I repeat,

— With weeping eyes, and lifted hands,
before thy mercy-seat.

3 Let me escape the sinners doom,
who make a trade of ill ;

And ever speak the person fair,
whose blood they mean to spill.

4 According to their crimes extent
let justice have its course :

Relentless be to them, as they
have sin'd without remorse.

5 Since they the works of God despise,
nor will his grace adore ;

His wrath shall utterly destroy,
and build them up no more.

6 But I, with due acknowledg'ment,
his praises will resound,

From whom the cries of my distress
a gracious answer found.

7 My heart its confidence repos'd
in God my strength and shield ;

In him I trusted and return'd
triumphant from the field :

As he has made my joys complete,
'tis just that I should raise

The chearful tribute of my thanks,
and thus resound his praise :

8 " His aiding pow'r supports the troops
 " that my just cause maintain :

" 'Twas he advanc'd me to the throne,
 " 'tis he secures my reign."

9 Preserve thy chosen, and proceed
 thine heritage to bless,

With plenty prosper them, in peace ;
 in battle, with success.

P S A L M XXIX.

1 **Y**E princes that in might excel,
 Your grateful sacrifice prepare ;

God's glorious actions loudly tell,
 His wond'rous pow'r to all declare.

2 To his great name fresh altars raise ;

Devoutly due respect afford ;
 Him in his holy temple praise,

Where he's with solemn state ador'd.

3 'Tis he that with amazing noise

The watry clouds in sunder breaks :

The ocean trembles at his voice,

When he from heav'n in thunder speaks.

4, 5 How full of pow'r his voice appears !

With what majestic terror crown'd !

Which from the roots tall cedars tears,

And strews their scatter'd branches round.

6 They, and the hills on which they grow

Are sometimes hurried far away ;

And leap like hinds that bounding go,

Or unicorns in youthful play.

7, 8 When God in thunder loudly speaks,

And scatter'd flames of lightning sends,

The forest nods, the desert quakes,

And stubborn Kadesh lowly bends.

8 He makes the hinds to cast their young,
And lays the beasts dark coverts bare ;
While those that to his courts belong,
Securely sing his praises there.

10, 11 God rules the angry floods on high ;
His boundless sway shall never cease :
This people he'll with strength supply,
And bless his own with constant peace.

P S A L M XXX.

1 **I**'LL celebrate thy praises, Lord,
who did'st thy pow'r employ,
To raise my drooping head, and check
my foes insulting joy.

2, 3 In my distress I cry'd to thee,
who kindly did'st relieve,
And from the grave's expecting jaws
my hopeless life retrieve.

4 Thus to his courts, ye saints of his,
with songs of praise repair ;
With me commemorate his truth,
and providential care.

5 His wrath has but a moments reign ;
his favor no decay :
Your night of grief is recompens'd
with joys returning day.

6 But I, in prosp'rous days, presum'd ;
no sudden change I fear'd :
Whilst in my sun-shine of success
no low'ring cloud appear'd.

7 But soon I found thy favor, Lord,
my empire's only trust ;
For when thou hidd'st thy face, I saw
my honour laid in dust.

8 Then

- 3 Then, as I vainly had presum'd,
my error I confess'd ;
And thus with supplicating voice
thy mercy's throne address'd :
9 " What profit is there in my blood,
congeal'd by death's cold night ?
" Can silent ashes speak thy praise,
" thy wond'rous truth recite ?
10 " Hear me, O Lord, in mercy hear ;
" thy wonted aid extend :
" Do thou send help, on whom alone
" I can for help depend."
11 'Tis done ! thou hast my mournful scene
to songs and dancing turn'd ?
Invested me in robes of state,
who late in sack-cloth mourn'd.
12 Exalted thus, I'll gladly sing
thy praise in grateful verse ;
And, as thy favours endless are,
thy endless praise rehearse.

P S A L M XXXI.

- 1 **D**EFEND me, Lord, from shame ;
for still I trust in thee :
As just and righteous is thy name,
from danger set me free.
2 Bow down thy gracious ear,
and speedy succour send :
Do thou my stedfast rock appear,
to shelter and defend.
3 Since thou when foes oppress,
my rock and fortrefs art
To guide me forth from this distress,
thy wonted help impart.

4 Release me from the snare
which they have closely laid ;
Since I, O God my strength, repair
to thee alone for aid.

5 To thee, the God of truth,
my life, and all that's mine.
(For thou preserv'st me from my youth,)
I willingly resign,

6 All vain designs I hate,
of those that trust in lies :
And still my soul in ev'ry state,
to God for succour flies.

P A R T II.

7 Those mercies thou hast shown,
I'll chearfully express ;
For thou hast seen my streights and known
my soul in deep distress.

8 When Keliab's treach'rous race
did all my strength inclose,
Thou gav'st my feet a larger space,
to shun my watchful foes.

9 Thy mercy, Lord, display,
and hear my just complaint ;
For both my soul and flesh decay,
with grief and hunger faint.

10 Sad thoughts my life oppress ;
my years are spent in groans ;
My sins have made my strength decrease,
and ev'n consum'd my bones.

11 My foes my suff'rings mock'd ;
my neighbours did upbraid ;
My friends, at sight of me, were shock'd,
and fled, as men dismay'd.

12 Forsook

12 Forlook by all am I,
as dead, and out of mind ;
And like a shatter'd vessel lie,
whose parts can ne'er be join'd.

13 Yet stand'rous words they speak,
and seem my pow'r to dread :
Whilst they together counsel take
my guiltless blood to shed.

14 But still my stedfast trust,
I on thy help repose :
That thou my God art good and just,
my soul with comfort knows.

P A R T III.

15 Whate'er events betide,
thy wisdom times them all :
Then, Lord, thy servant safely hide
from those that seek his fall.

16 The brightness of thy face,
to me, O Lord, disclose ;
And as thy mercies still increase,
preserve me from my foes.

17 Me from dishonour save,
who still have call'd on thee ;
Let that, and silence in the grave,
the sinner's portion be.

18 Do thou their tongues restrain ;
whose breath in lies is spent ;
Who false reports with proud disdain,
against the righteous vent,

19 How great thy mercies are
to such as fear thy name ;
Which thou, for those that trust thy care,
dost to the world proclaim !

20 'Thou keep'st them in thy fight,
 from proud oppressors free :
 From tongues that do in strife delight,
 they are preserv'd by thee.

21 With glory and renown
 God's name be ever blest'd ;
 Whose lou rin Keilah's well-fenc'd town
 was wond'rously express'd !
 22 I said, in hasty flight,
 " I'm banish'd from thine eyes ;
 " Yet still thou keptst me in thy sight,
 " and heard my earnest cries."

23 O ! all ye saints, the Lord
 with eager love pursue ;
 Who to the just will help afford,
 and give the proud their due.
 24 Ye that on God rely,
 courageously proceed ;
 For he will yet your hearts supply
 with strength, in time of need.

P S A L M XXXII.

HE's blest, whose sins have pardon gain'd,
 No more in judgment to appear ;
 2 Whose guilt remission has obtain'd,
 And whose repentance is sincere.
 3 While I conceal'd the fretting sore,
 My bones consum'd without relief ;
 All day did I with anguish roar ;
 But no complaints asswag'd my grief :
 4 Heavy on me thy hand remain'd,
 By day and night alike distress'd ;
 Till quite of vital moisture drain'd,
 Like land with summer's drought oppress'd.

5 No sooner I my wound disclos'd,
The guilt tortur'd me within,
But thy forgiveness interpos'd,
And mercy's healing balm pour'd in.

6 True penitents shall thus succeed,
Who seek thee while thou may'st be found,
And, from the common deluge freed,
Shall see remorseless sinners drown'd.

7 Thy favour, Lord in all distress,
My tow'r of refuge I must own:
Thou shalt my haughty foes suppress,
And me with songs of triumph crown.

8 In my instruction then confide,
You that would truth's safe path descry;
Your progress I'll securely guide,
And keep you in my watchful eye.

9 Submit yourselves to wisdom's rule,
Like men that reason have attain'd;
Not like th' ungovern'd horse and mule,
Whose fury must be curb'd and rein'd.

10 Sorrows, on sorrows multiply'd,
The harden'd sinner shall confound:
But them who in his truth confide,
Blessings of mercy shall surround.

11 His saints, that have perform'd his laws,
Their life in triumphs shall employ:
Let them (as they alone have cause)
In grateful raptures shout for joy.

P S A L M XXXIII.

1 **L**ET all the just to God with joy
their chearful voices raise;
For well the righteous it becomes
to sing glad songs of praise.

2, 3 Let harps and psalteries, and lutes,
in joyful concert meet ;
And new-made songs of loud applause
the harmony complete.

4, 5 For faithful is the word of God :
his works with truth abound :
He justice loves ; and all the earth
is with his goodness crown'd.

6 By his almighty word, at first,
heav'n's glorious arch was rear'd ;
And all the beauteous hosts of light,
at his command appear'd.

7 The swelling floods together roll'd,
he makes in heaps to lie ;
And lays, as in a store-house safe,
the watry treasures by.

8, 9 Let earth and all that dwell therein,
before him trembling stand :
For, when he spake the word, 'twas made :
'twas fix'd at his command.

10 He, when the heathen closely plot,
their counsels undermines :
His wisdom ineffectual makes
the people's rash designs.

11 Whate'er the mighty Lord decrees,
shall stand forever sure ;
The settled purpose of his heart
to ages shall endure.

P A R T II.

12 How happy then are they, to whom
the Lord for God is known !
Whom he, from all the world besides,
has chosen for his own.

13, 14, 15 He

13, 14, 15 He all the nations of the earth,
from heav'n, his throne, survey'd :
He saw their works, and view'd their tho'ts,
by him their hearts were made.

16, 17 No king is safe by num'rous hosts ;
their strength the strong deceives ;
No manag'd horse, by force or speed,
his warlike rider saves.

18, 19 'Tis God, who those that trust in him,
beholds with gracious eyes :
He frees their soul from death ; their want,
in time of dearth, supplies.

20, 21 Our soul on God with patience waits
our help and shield is he !
Then, Lord, let still our hearts rejoice,
because we trust in thee.

22 The riches of thy mercy, Lord,
do thou to us extend ;
Since we, for all we want or wish,
on thee alone depend.

P S A L M XXXIV.

1 **T**HRO' all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,

The praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

2 Of his deliv'rance I will boast,
'till all that are distrest,

From my example comfort take,
and charm their griefs to rest.

3 O ! magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name :

4 When in distrest to him I call'd,
he to my rescue came.

5 Their

- 5 Their drooping hearts were soon refresh'd
 who look'd to him for aid :
 Desir'd success in ev'ry face
 a chearful air display'd :
- 6 “ Behold (say they) behold, the man,
 “ whom Providence reliev'd ;
 “ So dang'rously with woes beset,
 “ so wondrously retriev'd !”
- 7 The hosts of God encamp around
 the dwellings of the just ;
 Deliv'rance he affords to all
 who on his succour trust.
- 8 O ! make but trial of his love,
 experience will decide
 How blest they are, and only they,
 who in his truth confide.
- 9 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
 have nothing else to fear :
 Make you his service your delight ;
 he'll make your wants his care.
- 10 While hungry lions lack their prey,
 the Lord will food provide
 For such as put their trust in him,
 and see their needs supply'd.

P A R T II.

- 11 Approach, ye piously dispos'd,
 and my instruction hear ;
 I'll teach you the true discipline
 of his religious fear.
- 12 Let him, who length of life desires,
 and prosp'rous days would see,
 13 From sland'ring language keep his tongue
 his lips from falshood free.

- 14 The crooked paths of vice decline,
and virtue's ways pursue ;
Eftablish peace where 'tis begun ;
and where 'tis loft, renew.
- 15 The Lord from heav'n beholds the juft,
with favourable eyes ;
And when diftrefs'd, his gracious ear
is open to their cries :
- 16 But turns his wrathful look on thofe,
whom mercy can't reclaim,
To cut them off, and from the earth
blot out their hated name.
- 17 Deliv'rance to his faints he gives,
when his relief they crave :
- 18 He's nigh to heal the broken heart,
and contrite fpirit fave.
- 19 The wicked oft, but ftill in vain,
againft the juft confpire ;
- 20 For, under their afflictions weight,
he keeps their bones intire.
- 21 The wicked, from their wicked arts,
their ruin fhall derive ;
Whilst righteous men, whom they deteft,
fhall them and theirs furvive.
- 22 For God preferves the fouls of thofe,
who on his truth depend :
To them, and their pofterity,
his bleffings fhall descend.

P S A L M XXXV.

Againft all thofe that ftrove with me,
O Lord, assert my right :
With fuch as war unjuftly wage,
do thou my battles fight.

2 Thy buckler take and bind thy shield
upon thy warlike arm :

Stand up, my God, in my defence ;
and keep me safe from harm.

3 Bring forth thy spear, and stop their course
that haste my blood to spill :

Say to my soul, " I am thy health,
" and will preserve thee still."

4 Let them with shame be cover'd o'er,
who my destruction sought :

And such as did my harm devise,
be to confusion brought.

5 Then shall they fly, dispers'd like chaff :
before the driving wind ;

God's vengeful ministers of wrath
shall follow close behind.

6 And, when thro' dark and slipp'ry ways,
they strive his rage to shun,

His vengeful ministers of wrath
shall guard them, as they run.

7 Since, unprovok'd by any wrong,
they hid their treach'rous snare ;

And for my harmless soul a pit,
did without cause prepare ;

3 Surpris'd by mischiefs unforeseen,
by their own arts betray'd,

Their feet shall fall into the net,
which they for me have laid.

9 Whilst my glad soul shall God's great name
for this deliv'rance bless ;

And, by his saving health secur'd,
its grateful joy express.

- 10 My very bones shall say, " O Lord,
 " who can compare with thee ?
 " Who sett'st the poor and helpless man
 " from strong oppressors free."

P A R T H.

- 11 False witnesses, with forg'd complaints,
 against my truth combin'd ;
 And to my charge such things they laid,
 as I had ne'er design'd.
- 12 The good which I to them had done,
 with evil they repaid ;
 And did by malice undeserv'd,
 my harmless life invade.
- 13 But as for me, when they were sick,
 I still in sackcloth mourn'd ;
 I pray'd and fasted, and my pray'r
 to my own breast return'd.
- 14 Had they my friends or brethren been,
 I could have done no more ;
 Nor with more decent signs of grief
 a mother's loss deplore.
- 15 How diff'rent did their carriage prove,
 in times of my distress !
 When they, in crouds together met,
 did savage joy express.
- The rabble too, in num'rous throngs,
 by their example, came ;
 And ceas'd not, with reviling words,
 to wound my spotless fame.
- 16 Scoffers that noble tables haunt,
 and earn their bread with lies,
 Did gnash their teeth, and scandalous jests
 maliciously devise.

17 But,

17 But, Lord, how long wilt thou look on?
 on my behalf appear;
 And save my guiltless soul, which they
 like rav'ning beasts would tear.

P A R T III.

18 So I, before the list'ning world,
 shall grateful thanks express;
 And where the great assembly meets,
 thy name with praises blest.
 19 Lord, suffer not my causeless foes,
 who me unjustly hate,
 With open joy, or secret signs,
 to mock my sad estate.

20 For they, with hearts averse to peace,
 industriously devise,
 Against the men of quiet minds,
 to forge malicious lies.

21 Nor with these private arts content,
 aloud they vent their spite;
 And say, "at last we found him out;
 "he did it in our sight."

22 But thou who dost both them and me
 with righteous eyes survey,
 Assert my innocence, O Lord,
 and keep not far away.

23 Stir up thyself; in my behalf
 to judgment, Lord, awake:
 Thy righteous servant's cause, O God,
 to thy decision take.

24 Lord, as my heart has upright been,
 let me thy justice find;
 Nor let my cruel foes obtain
 the triumph they design'd.

25 O ! let them not amongst themselves,
in boasting language, say,
“ At length our wishes are complete ;
“ at last he’s made our prey.”

26 Let such as in my harm rejoic’d,
for shame their faces hide ;
And foul dishonor wait on those,
that proudly me defy’d :

27 Whilst they with chearful voices shout,
who my just cause befriended ;
And bless the Lord, who loves to make
success his saints attend.

28 So shall my tongue thy judgments sing,
inspir’d with grateful joy ;
And chearful hymns, in praise of thee,
shall all my days employ.

P S A L M XXXVI.

1 **M**Y crafty foe, with flatt’ring art,
His wicked purpose would disguise,
But reason whispers to my heart,
No fear of God’s before his eyes.

2 He sooths himself, retir’d from sight ;
Secure he thinks his treach’rous game :
Till his dark plots, expos’d to light,
Their false contriver brand with shame.

3 In deeds he is my foe confess’d,
Whilst with his tongue he speaks me fair ;
True wisdom’s banish’d from his breast ;
And vice has sole dominion there.

4 His wakeful malice spends the night
In forging his accurs’d designs ;
His obstinate, ungen’rous spite
No execrable means declines.

5 But, Lord, thy mercy, my sure hope,
The highest orb of heav'n transcends ;
Thy sacred truth's unmeasur'd scope
Beyond the spreading skies extends.

6 Thy justice like the hills remains ;
Unfathom'd depths thy judgments are ;
Thy Providence the world sustains ;
The whole creation is thy care.

7 Since of thy goodness all partake,
With what assurance should the just
Thy flocking wings their refuge make,
And saints to thy protection trust !

8 Such guests shall to thy courts be led,
To banquet on thy love's repast :
And drink as from a fountain's head,
Of joys that shall forever last.

9 With thee the springs of life remain ;
Thy presence is eternal day :

10 O ! let thy saints thy favor gain,
To upright hearts thy truth display.

11 Whilst pride's insulting foot would spurn,
And wicked hands my life surprise ;

12 Their mischief: on themselves return ;
Down, down they're fall'n, no more to rise.

P S A L M XXXVII.

1 **T**HOU' wicked men grow rich or great,
Yet let not their successful state
Thy anger, or thy envy, raise ;

2 For they, cut down, like tender grass,
Or like young flowers, away shall pass,
Whose blooming beauty soon decays.

3 Depend

- 3 Depend on God, and him obey ;
So thou within the land shalt stay,
Secure from danger and from want :
4 Make his commands thy chief delight,
And he, thy duty so requite,
Shall all thy earnest wishes grant.
- 5 In all thy ways trust thou the Lord,
And he will needful help afford,
To perfect ev'ry just design ;
6 He'll make, like light, serene and clear,
Thy clouded innocence appear,
And as a mid-day sun to shine.
- 7 With quiet mind on God depend,
And patiently for him attend,
Nor let thy anger fondly rise,
Tho' wicked men with wealth abound,
And with success the plots are crown'd,
Which they maliciously devise.
- 8 From anger cease, and wrath forsake ;
Let no ungovern'd passion make
Thy wav'ring heart espouse their crime :
9 For God shall sinful men deliver ;
Whilst only they the land enjoy,
Who trust in him and wait his time.
- 10 How soon shall wicked men decay !
Their place shall vanish quite away,
Nor by the strictest search be found ;
11 Whilst humble souls possess the earth,
Rejoicing still with godly mirth,
With peace and plenty always crown'd.
- P A R T II.
- 12 While sinful crowds, with false design,
Against the righteous few combine,

And

And gnash their teeth, and threat'ning stand;
 13 God shall their empty plots deride,
 And laugh at their defeated pride :
 He sees their ruin near at hand.

14 They draw the sword, and bend the bow,
 The poor and needy to o'erthrow,
 And men of upright lives to slay :
 15 But their strong bows shall soon be broke ;
 Their sharpen'd weapon's mortal stroke
 Thro' their own hearts shall force its way.

16 A little, with God's favor blest,
 That's by one righteous man possess'd,
 The wealth of many bad excels :
 17 For God supports the just man's cause ;
 But, as for those that break his laws,
 Their unsuccessful pow'r he quells

18 His constant care the upright guides,
 And over all their life presides ;
 Their portion shall forever last :
 19 They, when distress o'erwhelms the earth,
 Shall be unmov'd, and ev'n in dearth
 the happy fruits of plenty taste.

20 Not so the wicked men, and those
 Who proudly dare God's will oppose :
 Destruction is their hapless share :
 Like fat of lambs their hopes and they,
 Shall in an instant melt away,
 And vanish into smoke and air.

P A R T III.

21 While sinners, brought to sad decay,
 Still borrow on and never pay,
 The just have will and pow'r to give ;

22 For

22 For such as God vouchsafes to bless,
Shall peaceably the earth possess,
And those he curses shall not live.

23 The good man's way is God's delight,
He orders all the steps aright,

Of him that moves by his command :

24 Tho' he may sometimes be distressed,
Yet shall he ne'er be quite oppress'd,
For God upholds him with his hand.

25 From my first youth, 'till age prevail'd,
I never saw the righteous fail'd

Or want o'ertake his num'rous race ;

26 Because compassion fill'd his heart,
And he did chearfully impart,

God made his offsprings wealth increase.

27 With caution shun each wicked deed,
In virtue's ways with zeal proceed,

And so prolong your happy days :

28 For God who judgment loves, does still
Preserve his saints secure from ill,

While soon the wicked race decays.

29, 30, 31 The upright shall possess the land
His portion shall for ages stand ;

His mouth with wisdom is supply'd,

His tongue by rules of judgment moves,

His heart the law of God approves ;

Therefore his footsteps never slide.

P A R T IV.

32 In wait the watchful sinner lies,
In vain the righteous to surprize,

In vain, his ruin does decree :

33 God will not him defenceless leave
 To his revenge expos'd, but save,
 And when he's sentenc'd, set him free.

34 Wait still on God ; keep his command,
 And thou, exalted in the land,
 Thy blest possession ne'er shall quit ;
 'The wicked soon destroy'd shall be,
 And at his dismal tragedy
 Thou shalt a safe spectator sit.

35 The wicked I in pow'r have seen,
 And like a bay tree, fresh and green,
 That spreads its pleasant branches round :
 36 But he was gone as swift as thought :
 And tho' in ev'ry place I sought,
 No sign or track of him I found.

37 Observe the perfect man with care,
 And mark all such as upright are ;
 Their roughest days in peace shall end :
 38 While on the latter end of those,
 Who dare God's sacred will oppose,
 A common ruin shall attend.

39 God to the just will aid afford :
 Their only safeguard is the Lord ;
 Their strength, in time of need, is he :
 40 Because on him they still depend,
 The Lord will timely succour send,
 And from the wicked set them free.

P S A L M XXXVIII.

THY chast'ning wrath, O Lord, restrain,
 tho' I deserve it all ;
 Nor let at once on me the storm
 of thy displeasure fall.

- 2 In ev'ry wretched part of me
thy arrows deep remain ;
Thy heavy hand's afflicting weight
I can no more sustain.
- 3 My flesh is one continued wound,
thy wrath so fiercely glows ;
Betwixt my punishment and guilt,
my bones have no repose.
- 4 My sins which to a deluge swell,
my sinking head o'erflow ;
And, for my feeble strength to bear,
too vast a burden grow.
- 5 Stench and corruption fill my wounds,
my folly's just return :
- 6 With trouble I am warp'd and bow'd,
and all day long I mourn.
- 7 A loath'd disease afflicts my loins,
infecting ev'ry part ;
- 8 With sickness worn, I groan and roar,
thro' anguish of my heart.

P A R T II.

- 9 But, Lord, before thy searching eyes
all my desires appear ;
And, sure, my groans have been too loud,
not to have reach'd thine ear.
- 10 My heart's oppress'd, my strength decay'd,
my eyes depriv'd of light :
- 11 Friends, lovers, kinsmen gaze aloof
on such a dismal sight.
- 12 Mean while, the foes that seek my life,
their snares to take me set ;
Vent flanders, and contrive all day
to forge some new deceit.

- 13 But I, as if both deaf and dumb,
nor heard, nor once reply'd ;
14 Quite deaf and dumb, like one whose
with conscious guilt is ty'd. (tongue
15 For, Lord, to thee I do appeal,
my innocence to clear ;
Assur'd that thou, the righteous God,
my injur'd cause wilt hear.
16 " Hear me," said I, " lest my proud foes
" a spiteful joy display ;
" Insulting, if they see my foot
" but once to go astray."
17 And with continued grief oppress'd,
to sink I now begin,
18 To thee, O Lord, I will confess,
to thee bewail my sin.
19 But whilst I languish, my proud foes
their strength and vigour boast ;
And they who hate me without cause,
are grown a dreadful host.
20 Ev'n they whom I oblig'd return
my kindness with despite ;
And are my enemies, because
I choose the path that's right.
21 Forsake not me, O Lord my God,
nor far from me depart ;
22 Make haste to my relief, O thou
who my salvation art.

P S A L M XXXIX.

- 1 **R**ESOLV'D to watch o'er all my ways,
I kept my tongue in awe ;
I curb'd my hasty words, when I
the prosp'rous wicked saw.

2 Like one that's dumb, I silent stood,
and did my tongue refrain
From good discourse ; but that restraint
increas'd my inward pain.

3 My heart did glow, which working tho'ts
did hot and restless make ;
And warm reflections fann'd the fire,
and thus at length I spake :
Lord let me know my term of days,
how soon my life will end :
The num'rous train of ills disclose,
which this frail state attend.

5 My life, thou know'st is but a span ;
a cypher sums my years ;
And ev'ry man, in best estate,
but vanity appears.

6 Man, like a shadow, vainly walks,
with fruitless cares oppress'd :
He heaps up wealth, but cannot tell
by whom 'twill be possess'd.

7 Why then should I on worthless toys,
with anxious care, attend ?
On thee alone my steadfast hope
shall ever, Lord, depend.

8, 9 Forgive my sins ; nor let me scorn'd
by foolish sinners be ;
For I was dumb, and murmur'd not,
because 'twas done by thee.

10 The dreadful burden of thy wrath
in mercy soon remove ;
Lest my frail flesh too weak to bear
the heavy load should prove.

11 For

11 For when thou chaf't'nest man for sin,
 thou mak'st his beauty fade
 (So vain a thing is he !) like cloth
 by fretting moths decay'd.

12 Lord, hear my cry, accept my tears,
 and listen to my pray'r,
 Who sojourn like a stranger here,
 as all my fathers were.

13 O ! spare me yet a little time ;
 my wasted strength restore,
 Before I vanish quite from hence,
 and shall be seen no more.

P S A L M XL.

1 **I** Waited meekly for the Lord,
 'Till he vouchsaf'd a kind reply :
 Who did his gracious ear afford,
 And heard from heav'n my humble cry.
 2 He took me from the dismal pit,
 When founder'd deep in miry clay ;
 On solid ground he plac'd my feet,
 And suffer'd not my steps to stray.

3 The wonders he for me has wrought,
 Shall fill my mouth with songs of praise ;
 And others, to his worship brought,
 'To hopes of like deliv'rance raise.

4 For blessings shall that man reward,
 Who on th' almighty Lord relies ;
 Who treats the proud with disregard,
 And hates the hypocrites disguise.

5 Who can the wond'rous works recount,
 Which thou, O God, for us hast wrought ?
 The treasures of thy love surmount
 The pow'r of numbers, speech, and thought.

6 I've learnt that thou hast not desir'd
 Off'rings and sacrifice alone ;
 Nor blood of guiltless beasts requir'd,
 For man's transgression to atone.

7 I therefore come——come to fulfil
 The oracle thy books impart :
 8 'Tis my delight to do thy will ;
 Thy law is written in my heart.

P A R T II.

9 In full assemblies I have told
 Thy truth and righteousness at large :
 Nor did, thou know'st, my lips withhold
 From uttering what thou gav'st in charge :
 10 Nor kept within my breast confin'd
 Thy faithfulness, and saving grace ;
 But preach'd thy love for all design'd,
 That all might that and truth embrace.

11 'Then let those mercies I declar'd
 To others, Lord, extend to me :
 Thy loving kindness my reward,
 Thy truth my safe protection be,
 12 For I with troubles am distress'd,
 Too vast and numberless to bear :
 Nor less with loads of guilt oppress'd,
 That plunge and sink me to despair.

As soon, alas ! I may recount
 The hairs on this afflicted head ;
 My vanquish'd courage they surmount,
 And fill my drooping soul with dread.

P A R T III.

13 But, Lord, to my relief draw near ;
 For never was more pressing need :
 In my deliverance, Lord, appear,
 And add to that deliverance speed.

14 Confusion

14 Confusion on their heads return,
Who to destroy my soul combine ;
Let them, defeated, blush and mourn,
Ensnar'd in their own vile design.

15 Their doom let desolation be,
With shame their malice be repaid,
Who mock'd my confidence in thee,
And sport of my affliction made.

16 While those, who humbly seek thy face,
To joyful triumphs shall be rais'd ;
And all, who prize thy saving grace,
With me resound, the Lord be prais'd.

17 Thus, wretched tho' I am, and poor,
Of me th' almighty Lord takes care :
Thou, God, who only can'st restore,
To my relief with speed repair.

P S A L M XLI.

1 **H**APPY the man whose tender care
relieves the poor distress'd !

When he's by troubles compass'd round,
the Lord shall give him rest.

2 The Lord his life with blessings crown'd,
in safety shall prolong ;

And disappoint the will of those,
that seek to do him wrong.

3 If he in languishing estate,
oppress'd with sickness lie ;

The Lord will easy make his bed,
and inward strength supply.

4 Secure of this, to thee, my God,
I thus my pray'r address'd ;

“ Lord, for thy mercy, heal my soul,
“ tho' I have much transgress'd.”

- 5 My cruel foes, with fland'rous words
attempt to wound my fame :
“ When shall he die (say they) and men
“ forget his very name ?”
- 6 Suppose they formal visits make,
tis all but empty show :
They gather mischief in their hearts,
and vent it where they go.
- 7, 8 With private whispers, such as these,
to hurt me they devise :
“ A sore disease afflicts him now :
“ he's fall'n no more to rise.”
- 9 My own familiar bosom-friend,
on whom I most rely'd,
Has me, whose daily guest he was
with open scorn defy'd.
- 10 But thou my sad and wretched state,
in mercy, Lord regard ;
And raise me up, that all their crimes
may meet their just reward.
- 11 By this I know, thy gracious ear
is open when I call ;
Because thou suffer'’st not my foes
to triumph in my fall.
- 12 Thy tender care secures my life
from danger and disgrace ;
And thou vouchsaf'’st to set me still
before thy glorious face.
- 13 Let therefore Israel's Lord and God
from age to age be blest ;
And all the people's glad applause
with loud Amen's express'd.

P S A L M XLII.

- 1 **A**S pants the heart for cooling streams
 when heated in the chase ;
 So longs my soul, O God, for thee,
 and thy refreshing grace.
- 2 For thee, my God, the living God,
 my thirsty soul doth pine :
- 3 ! when shall I behold thy face,
 thou majesty divine ?
- 3 Tears are my constant food, while thus
 insulting foes upbraid ;
- “ Deluded wretch ! where’s now thy God ?
 “ and where his promis’d aid ?
- 4 I sigh whene’er my musing thoughts
 those happy days present,
 When I with troops of pious friends
 thy temple did frequent :
- When I advanc’d with songs of praise,
 my solemn vows to pay ;
 And led the joyful sacred throng,
 that kept the festal day.
- 5 Why restless, why cast down my soul ?
 trust God ; and he’ll employ
 His aid for thee, and change these sighs
 to thankful hymns of joy.
- 6 My soul’s cast down, O God ; but thinks
 on thee and Sion, still ;
 From Jordan’s bank, from Hermon’s heights,
 and Misser’s humbler hill.
- 7 One trouble calls another on ;
 and, bursting o’er my head,
 Fall spouting down, till round my soul,
 a roaring sea is spread.

8 But when thy presence, Lord of life,
has once dispell'd the storm,
To thee I'll midnight anthems sing,
and all my vows perform.

9 God of my strength, how long shall I,
like one forgotten, mourn;
Forlorn; forsaken, and expos'd
to my oppressors scorn?

10 My Heart is pierc'd as with a sword,
whil'st thus my foes upbraid;

" Vain boaster, where is now thy God;
" and where his promis'd aid?

11 Why restless, why cast down my soul?
hope still; and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is the God,
thy health's eternal spring.

P S A L M XLIII.

1 **J**UST judge of heaven, against my foes.
Do thou assert my injur'd right:
O! set me free, my God, from those
That in deceit and wrong delight.

2 Since thou art still my only stay,
Why leav'st thou me in deep distress?
Why go I mourning all the day,
Whilst me insulting foes oppress?

3 Let me with light and truth be blest,
Be these my guides, and lead the way,
Till on thy holy hill I rest,
And in thy sacred temple pray.

4 Then will I there fresh altars raise
To God who is my only joy;
And well tun'd harps with songs of praise
Shall all my grateful hours employ.

5 Why then cast down, my soul? and why
 So much oppress'd with anxious care?
 On God, thy God, for aid rely;
 Who will thy ruin'd state repair.

P S A L M XLIV.

- 1 **O** LORD our fathers oft have told,
 in our attentive ears,
 Thy wonders in their days perform'd,
 and elder times than theirs:
- 2 How thou, to plant them here, didst drive
 the heathen from this land,
 Dispeopled by repeated strokes
 of thy avenging hand.
- 3 For not their courage, nor their sword,
 to them possession gave;
 Nor strength, that, from unequal force,
 their fainting troops could save;
 But thy right hand, and pow'ful arm,
 whose succour they implor'd;
 Thy presence with the chosen race,
 who thy great name ador'd.
- 4 As thee their God our father's own'd,
 thou art our sov'reign King;
 O! therefore, as thou didst to them,
 to us deliv'rance bring.
- 5 Thro' thy victorious name, our arms
 the proudest foe shall quell;
 And crush them with repeated strokes,
 as oft as they rebel.
- 6 I'll neither trust my bow nor sword,
 when I in fight engage:
- 7 But thee, who hast our foes subdu'd,
 and sham'd their spiteful rage.

8 To thee the triumph we ascribe,
 from whom the conquest came :
 In God we will rejoice all day,
 and ever bless his name.

P A R T II.

9 But thou hast cast us off ; and now
 most shamefully we yield ;
 For thou no more vouchsaf'st to lead
 our armies to the field.

10 Since when, to ev'ry upstart foe
 we turn our backs in fight ;
 And with our spoil their malice feast,
 who bear us ancient spite.

11 To slaughter doom'd, we fall like sheep
 into their butch'ring hands ;
 Or (what's more wretched yet) survive,
 dispers'd thro' heathen lands.

12 Thy people thou hast sold for slaves ;
 and set their price so low,
 That not thy treasure, by the sale,
 but their disgrace may grow :

13, 14 Reproach'd by all the nations round,
 the heathen's bye-word grown ;
 Whose scorn of us is both in speech,
 and mocking gestures, shown.

15 Confusion strikes me blind ; my face
 in conscious shame I hide ;

16 While we are scoff'd, and God blasphem'd
 by their licentious pride.

P A R T III.

17 On us this heap of woes is fall'n ;
 all this we have endur'd ;

Yet have not, Lord, renounc'd thy name,
 or faith to thee abjur'd :

- 18 But in thy righteous paths have kept
our hearts and steps with care ;
19 Tho' thou hast broken all our strength,
and we almost despair.
20 Could we, forgetting thy great name,
on other gods rely,
21 And not the searcher of all hearts
the treach'rous crime descry ?
22 Thou seest what suff'rings for thy sake
we ev'ry day sustain ;
All slaughter'd, or reserv'd like sheep
appointed to be slain.
23 Awake, arise ; let seeming sleep
no longer thee detain ;
Nor let us, Lord, who sue to thee,
forever sue in vain.
24 O ! wherefore hidest thou thy face
from our afflicted state,
25 Whose souls and bodies sink to earth
with griefs oppressive weight ?
Arise, O Lord, and timely haste
to our deliv'rance make :
Redeem us, Lord, if not for ours,
yet for thy mercy's sake.

P S A L M XLV.

- W**HILE the King's loud praise rehearse
indited by my heart,
My tongue is like the pen of him
that writes with ready art.
2 How matchless is thy form, O King !
thy mouth with grace o'erflows :
Because fresh blessings God on thee
eternally bestows.

3 Gird on thy sword, most mighty Prince ;
and clad in rich array,

With glorious ornaments of pow'r,
majestic pomp display.

4 Ride on in state, and still protect
the meek, the just, the true ;

Whilst thy right-hand with swift revenge
does all thy foes pursue.

5 How sharp thy weapons are to them
that dare thy pow'r oppose !

Down, down they fall, while thro' their heart
the pointed arrow goes.

6 But thy firm throne, O God, is fix'd
forever to endure ;

Thy scepter'd sway shall always last,
by righteous laws secure.

7 Because thy heart, by justice led,
did upright ways approve,

And hated still the crooked paths
where wand'ring sinners rove ;

Therefore, did God, thy God, on thee
the oil of gladness shed ;

And has, above thy fellows round,
advanc'd thy lofty head.

8 With cassia, aloes, and myrrh,
thy royal robes abound :

Which, from the stately wardrobe brought,
spread grateful odours round.

9 Among the honourable train
did princely virgins wait ;

The Queen was plac'd at thy right-hand
in golden robes of state.

P A R T II.

10 But thou, O royal bride, give ear,
and to my words attend :

Forget thy native country now,
and ev'ry former friend.

11 So shall thy beauty charm the King,
nor shall his love decay :

For he is now become thy Lord ;
to him due rev'rence pay.

12 The Tyrian matrons, rich and proud,
shall humble presents make,

And all the wealthy nations sue,
thy favour to partake.

13 The King's fair daughter's beauteous soul
all inward graces fill ;

Her raiment is of purest gold,
adorn'd with costly skill.

14 She in her nuptial garments drefs'd,
with needles richly wrought,

Attended by her virgin train,
shall to the King be brought.

15 With all the state of solemn joy
the triumph moves along ;

'Till, with wide gates, the royal court
receives the pompous throng.

16 Thou, in thy royal Father's room,
must princely sons expect ;

Whom thou to diff'rent realms may'st send
to govern and protect :

17 Whilst this my song to future times
transmits thy glorious name ;

And makes the world with one consent
thy lasting praise proclaim.

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P S A L M XLVI.

- 1 **G**OD is our refuge in distress ;
A present help, when dangers press;
In him, undaunted, we'll confide :
2, 3 Tho' earth were from her centre toss'd
And mountains in the ocean lost,
Torn piece-meal by the roaring tide.
- 4 A gentler stream with gladness still
The city of our Lord shall fill,
The royal seat of God most high ;
5 God dwells in Zion, whose fair tow'rs
Shall mock th' assaults of earthly pow'rs,
While his almighty aid is nigh.
- 6 In tumults when the heathen rag'd,
And kingdoms war against us wag'd,
He thunder'd, and dispers'd their pow'rs.
7 The Lord of hosts conducts our arms,
Our tow'r of refuge in alarms,
Our father's guardian God, and ours.
- 8 Come see the wonders he has wrought,
On earth what desolation brought ;
9 How he has calm'd the jarring world :
He broke the warlike spear and bow ;
With them their thund'ring chariots too
Into devouring flames were hurl'd.
- 10 Submit to God's almighty sway ;
For him the heathen shall obey,
And earth her sov'reign Lord confess :
11 The God of hosts conducts our arms,
Our tow'r of refuge in alarms,
As to our fathers in distress.

P S A L M XLVII.

1 **O** All ye people, clap your hands,
 2 And with triumphant voices sing :
 No force the mighty pow'r withstands,
 Of God, the universal King.

3, 4 He shall opposing nations quell,
 And with success our battles fight ;
 Shall fix the place where we must dwell,
 The pride of Jacob, his delight.

5, 6 God is gone up, our Lord and King,
 With shouts of joy, and trumpets sound ;
 To him repeated praises sing,
 And let the chearful song go round.

7, 8 Your utmost skill in praise be shown,
 For him who all the world commands ;
 Who sits upon his righteous throne,
 And spreads his sway o'er heathen lands.

9 Our chiefs, and tribes, that far from hence
 T'adore the God of Abr'am came ;
 Found him their constant sure defence,
 How great and glorious is his name !

P S A L M XLVIII.

1 **T**HE Lord, the only God, is great,
 and greatly to be prais'd
 In Sion, on whose happy mount
 his sacred throne is rais'd.

2 Her tow'rs the joy of all the earth,
 with beauteous prospect rise ;
 On her north-side th' almighty King's
 imperial city lies.

3 God in her palaces is known :
 his presence is her guard :

4 Confed'rate kings withdrew their siege,
 and of success despair'd.

5 They

- 5 They view'd her walls, admir'd and fled,
with grief and terror struck ;
6 Like women whom the sudden pangs
of travail had o'ertook.
- 7 No wretched crew of mariners
appear like them forlorn,
When fleets from 'Tarrish' wealthy coasts
by eastern winds are torn.
- 8 In Sion we have seen perform'd
a work that was foretold ;
In pledge that God, for times to come,
his city will uphold.
- 9 Not in our fortresses and walls
did we, O God, confide ;
But on the temple fix'd our hopes,
in which thou didst reside.
- 10 According to thy sov'reign name,
thy praise thro' earth extends ;
Thy pow'rful arm as justice guides,
chastises, or defends.
- 11 Let Sion's mount with joy resound,
her daughters all be taught,
In songs his judgments to extol,
who this deliv'rance wrought.
- 12 Compass her walls with solemn pomp ;
your eyes quite round her cast ;
Count all her tow'rs, and see if there
you find one stone displac'd.
- 13 Her forts and palaces survey ;
observe their order well ;
That, with assurance, to your heirs,
the wonder you may tell.

14 This God is ours, and will be ours,
 whilst we in him confide ;
 Who, as he has preserv'd us now,
 till death will be our guide.

P S A L M XLIX.

1 **L**ET all the list'ning world attend,
 2 and my instructions hear :
 Let high and low, and rich and poor,
 with joint consent give ear :
 3 My mouth, with sacred wisdom fill'd,
 shall good advice impart ;
 The sound result of prudent thoughts,
 digested in my heart.

4 To parables of weighty sense
 I will my ear incline ;
 While to my tuneful harp I sing,
 dark words of deep design.
 5 Why should my courage fail in times
 of danger and of doubt ;
 When sinners, that would me supplant,
 have compass'd me about ?

6 Those men, that all their hope and trust
 in heaps of treasure place :
 And boasting, triumph, when they see
 their ill-got wealth increase ;
 7 Are yet unable from the grave
 their dearest friend to free ;
 Nor can, by force of costly bribes,
 reverse God's firm decree.

8, 9 Their vain endeavors they must quit,
 the price is held too high :
 No sums can purchase such a grant,
 that man shall never die.

10 Not wisdom can the wise exempt,
nor fools their folly save ;
But both must perish, and, in death,
their wealth to others leave.

11 For tho' they think their stately seats
shall ne'er to ruin fall ;

But their remembrance last in lands,
which by their names they call ;

12 Yet shall their fame be soon forgot,
how great soe'er their state :

With beasts their memory, and they,
shall share one common fate.

P A R T II.

13 How great their folly is, who thus
absurd conclusions make !

And yet their children, unreclaim'd,
repeat the gross mistake.

14 They all, like sheep to slaughter led,
the prey of death are made ;

Their beauty while the just rejoice,
within the grave shall fade.

15 But God will yet redeem my soul ;
and from the greedy grave

His greater pow'r shall set me free,
and to himself receive.

16 Then fear not thou, when worldly men
in envy'd wealth abound ;

Nor tho' their prosp'rous house increase,
with state and honour crown'd.

17 For when they're summon'd hence by
they leave all this behind ; (death,

No shadow of their former pomp
within the grave they find :

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18 And yet they tho't their state was blest,
 caught in the flatt'rer's snare ;
 Who praises those that flight all else,
 and of themselves take care.

19 In their forefathers steps they tread ;
 and when, like them, they die,
 Their wretched ancestors, and they,
 in endless darkness lie.

20 For man, how great foe'er his state ;
 unless he's truly wise,
 As like a sensual beast he lives,
 so, like a beast, he dies.

P S A L M L.

1, **T**HE Lord hath spoke, the mighty God
 2 **H**ath sent his summons all abroad,
 From dawning light, till day declines :
 'The list'ning earth his voice hath heard,
 And he from Sion hath appear'd,
 Where beauty in perfection shines.

3, 4 Our God shall come, and keep no more
 Misconstru'd silence, as before ;
 But wasting flames before him send :
 Around shall tempests fiercely rage,
 While he does heav'n and earth engage
 his just tribunal to attend.

5, 6 Assemble all my saints to me .
 (Thus runs the great divine decree,)
 That in my lasting cov'nant live !
 And off'rings bring with constant care :
 (The heav'ns his justice shall declare ;
 For God himself shall sentence give.)

7 Attend, my people ; Israel hear ;
Thy strong accuser I'll appear ;

Thy God, thy only God, am I :

8 'Tis not of off'rings I complain,
Which, daily in my temple slain,
My sacred altar did supply.

9 Will this alone atonement make ?
No bullock from thy stall I'll take,

Nor he-goat from thy fold accept ;

10 The forest beasts, that range alone,
The cattle too, are all my own,
That on a thousand hills are kept.

11 I know the fowls, that build their nests
In craggy rocks ; and savage beasts,

That loosely haunt the open fields :

12 If seiz'd with hunger I could be,
I need not seek relief from thee,

Since the world's mine, and all it yields.

13 Think'st thou that I have any need
On slaughter'd bulls and goats to feed,

To eat their flesh and drink their blood ?

14 The sacrifices I require,

Are hearts which love and zeal inspire,

And vows with strictest care made good.

15 In time of trouble call on me,
And I will set thee safe and free ;

And thou returns of praise shall make.

16 But to the wicked thus saith God :

How dar'st thou teach my laws abroad,
Or in thy mouth my cov'nant take ?

17 For stubborn thou, confirm'd in sin,
Hast proof against instruction been,

And of my word didst lightly speak.

18 When thou a subtil thief didst see,
Thou gladly didst with him agree,

And with adult'ers didst partake..

19 Vile slander is thy chief delight :
Thy tongue, by envy mov'd, and spite,
Deceitful tales dost hourly spread.

20 Thou dost with hateful scandals wound
Thy brother, and with lyes confound
The offspring of thy mother's bed.

21 These things didst thou, whom still I strove
To gain with silence, and with love ;

Till thou didst wickedly surmise,
That I was such a one as thou :
But I'll reprove and shame thee now,
And set thy sins before thine eyes.

22 Mark this, ye wicked fools lest I
Let all my bolts of vengeance fly,
While none shall dare your cause to own :

23 Who praises me, due honour gives ;
And to the man who justly lives,
My strong salvation shall be shown.

P S A L M II.

1 **H**AVE mercy, Lord on me,
as thou wert ever kind :
Let me oppress'd with loads of guilt,
thy wonted mercy find.

2, 3 Wash off my foul Offence,
and cleanse me from my sin :
For I confess my crime, and see
how great my guilt has been.

4 Against thee, Lord alone,
and only in thy sight,
Have I transgress'd ; and tho' condemn'd,
must own thy judgments right.

5 In guilt each part was form'd
of all this sinful frame ;
In guilt I was conceiv'd, and born
the heir of sin and shame.

6 Yet thou, whose searching eye
does inward truth require,
In secret didst with wisdom's laws
my tender soul inspire.

7 With hyssop purge me, Lord ;
and so I clean shall be :
I shall with snow in whiteness vie,
when purifi'd by thee.

8 Make me to hear with joy
thy kind forgiving voice ;
That so the bones which thou hast broke
may with fresh strength rejoice.
9, 10 Blot out my crying sins,
nor me in anger view ;
Create in me a heart that's clean,
an upright mind renew.

P A R T II.

11 Withdraw not thou thy help,
Nor cast me from thy sight ;
Nor let thy holy Spirit take
its everlasting flight.

12 The joy thy favour gives,
let me again obtain ;
And thy free Spirit's firm support
my fainting soul sustain.

13 So I thy righteous ways
to sinners will impart ;
Whilst my advice shall wicked men,
to thy just laws convert.

14 My guilt of blood remove,
my Saviour and my God ;
And my glad tongue shall loudly tell
thy righteous acts abroad.

15 Do thou unlock my lips,
with sorrow clos'd, and shame :
So shall my mouth thy wond'rous praise
to all the world proclaim.

16 Could sacrifice atone,
whole flocks and herds should die ;
But on such off'rings thou disdainst
to cast a gracious eye.

17 A broken Spirit is
by God most highly priz'd ;
By him a broken contrite heart
shall never be despis'd.

18 Let Sion favour find,
of thy good will assur'd ;
And thy own city flourish long,
by lofty walls secur'd.

19 The just shall then attend,
and pleasing tribute pay ;
And sacrifice of choicest kind,
upon thy altar lay.

P S A L M LII.

1 **I**N vain O man of lawless might,
thou boast'st thyself in ill ;
Since God, the God in whom I trust,
vouchsafes his favour still.

2 Thy wicked tongue does scandalous tales
maliciously devise ?

And, sharper than a razor set,
it wounds with treach'rous lies.

3, 4 Thy tho'ts are more on ill, than good,
on lies, than truth employ'd ;

Thy tongue delights in words by which
the guiltless are destroy'd.

5 God shall forever blast thy hopes,
and snatch thee soon away ;

Nor in thy dwelling-place permit,
nor in the world, to stay.

6 The just, with pious fear shall see
the downfall of thy pride :

And at thy sudden ruin laugh,
and thus thy fall deride :

7 " See there the man that haughty was,
" who proudly God defy'd,

" Who trusted in his wealth, and still
" on wicked arts rely'd."

8 But I am like those olive plants
that shade God's temple round ;

And hope with his indulgent grace
to be forever crown'd.

9 So shall my soul with praise, O God,
extol thy wond'rous love ;

And on thy name with patience wait ;
for this thy saints approve.

P S A L M LIII.

1 **T**HE wicked fools must sure suppose
that God is but a name :

This gross mistake their practice shows,
since virtue all disclaim.

2 The Lord look'd down from heav'n's high-
 the sons of men to view, (tow'r
 To see if any own'd his pow'r,
 or truth or justice knew.

3 But all he saw were backward gone,
 degen'rate grown and base ;
 None for religion car'd, not one
 of all the sinful race.

4 But are those workers of deceit
 so dull and senseless grown ;
 That they like bread my people eat,
 and God's just pow'r disown ?

5 Their causeless fears shall strangely grow ;
 and they despis'd of God,
 Shall soon be foil'd : his hand shall throw
 their shatter'd bones abroad.

6 Would he his saving pow'r employ,
 to break our servile band,
 Loud shouts of universal joy
 should eccho through the land.

P S A L M LIV.

1 **L**ORD, save me, for thy glorious name ;
 2 and in thy strength appear,
 To judge my cause ; accept my pray'r,
 and to my words give ear.

3 Mere strangers, whom I never wrong'd,
 to ruin me design'd ;
 And cruel men, that fear no God,
 against my soul combin'd.

4, 5 But God takes part with all my friends ;
 and he's the surest guard :
 The God of truth shall give my foes
 their falshood's just reward ;

6 While

6 While I my grateful off'rings bring,
and sacrifice with joy ;
And in his praise my time to come
delightfully employ.

7 From dreadful danger and distress
the Lord hath set me free :
Thro' him shall I, of all my foes,
the just destruction see.

P S A L M LV.

1 **G**IVE ear, thou judge of all the earth,
and listen when I pray ;
Nor from thy humble suppliant turn
thy glorious face away.

2 Attend to this my sad complaint,
and hear my grievous moans ;
Whilst I my mournful case declare
with artless sighs and groans.

3 Hark how the foe insults aloud !
how fierce oppressors rage ! (hate,
Whose slanderous tongues with wrathful
against my fame engage.

4, 5 My heart is rack'd with pain, my soul
with deadly frights distress'd ;
With fear and trembling compass'd round,
with horror quite oppress'd.

6 How often wish'd I then, that I
the dove's swift wings could get ;
That I might take my speedy flight,
and seek a safe retreat !

7, 8 Then would I wander far from hence ;
and in wild deserts stray,
Till all this furious storm was spent,
this tempest past away.

P A R T II.

9 Destroy, O Lord, their ill designs,
their counsels soon divide ;

For through the city my griev'd eyes
have strife and rapine spy'd.

10 By day and night on ev'ry wall
they walk their constant round ;

And in the midst of all her strength,
are grief and mischief found.

11 Whoe'er thro' ev'ry part shall roam,
with fresh disorders meet ;

Deceit and guile their constant posts
maintain in ev'ry street.

12 For 'twas not any open foe,
that false reflections made ;

For then I could with ease have borne
the bitter things he said :

'Twas none who hatred had profess'd,
that did against me rise :

For then I had withdrawn my self
from his malicious eyes.

13, 14 But 'twas ev'n thou, my guide, my
whom tend'rest love did join : (friend,

Whose sweet advice I valu'd most,
whose pray'rs were mix'd with mine.

15 Sure vengeance equal to their crime,
such traitors must surprize ;

And sudden death requite those ills
they wickedly devise.

16, 17 But I will call on God, who still
shall in my aid appear :

At morn and noon, and night I'll pray,
and he my voice shall hear.

P A R T III.

18 God has releas'd my soul from those,
that did with me contend ;
And made a num'rous host of friends
my righteous cause defend.
19 For he, who was my help of old,
shall now his suppliant hear ;
And punish those, whose prosp'rous state
makes them no God to fear.

20 Whom can I trust, if faithless men
perfidiously devise
To ruin me, their peaceful friend,
and break the strongest ties ?
21 Tho' soft and melting are their words,
their hearts with war abound :
Their speeches are more smooth than oil,
and yet like swords they wound.

22 Do thou, my soul, on God depend,
and he shall thee sustain :
He aids the just, whom to supplant
the wicked strive in vain.
23 My foes, that trade in lies and blood,
shall all untimely die ;
Whilst I for health, and length of days,
on thee my God rely.

P S A L M LVI.

1 **D**O thou, O God, in mercy help :
for man my life pursues :
To crush me with repeated wrongs,
he daily strife renews.
2 Continually my spiteful foes
to ruin me combine :
Thou seest, who sitt'st enthron'd on high,
what mighty numbers join.

3 But

3 But tho' sometimes surpriz'd by fear,
(on danger's first alarm) ;

Yet still for succour I depend
on thy almighty arm.

4 God's faithful promise I shall praise,
on which I now rely :

In God I trust, and trusting him,
the arm of flesh defy.

5 They wrest my words and make 'em speak
a sense they never meant :

Their thoughts are all, with restless spite,
on my destruction bent.

6 In close assemblies they combine,
and wicked projects lay :

They watch my steps, and lie in wait
to make my soul their prey.

7 Shall such injustice still escape ?

O righteous God, arise ;

Let thy just wrath (too long provok'd)
this impious race chastise.

8 Thou numb'rest all my wand'ring steps,
since first compel'd to flee :

My very tears are treasur'd up,
and register'd by thee.

9 When therefore I invoke thy aid,
my foes shall be o'erthrown ;

For I am well assur'd, that God
my righteous cause will own.

10, 11 I'll trust God's word, and so despise
the force that man can raise ;

12 To thee, O God, my vows are due :
to thee I'll render praise.

13 Thou

13 Thou hast retriev'd my soul from death,
 and thou wilt still secure
 The life thou hast so oft preserv'd,
 and make my footsteps sure :
 That thus, protected by thy pow'r,
 I may this light employ:
 And in the service of my God,
 my lengthen'd days employ.

P S A L M LVII.

1 **T**HY mercy, Lord, to me extend,
 On thy protection I depend ;
 And to thy wing for shelter haste,
 Till this outrageous storm is past.
 2 To thy tribunal, Lord, I fly,
 Thou sov'reign Judge and God most high,
 Who wonders hast for me begun,
 And wilt not leave thy work undone.
 3 From heav'n protect me by thy arm,
 And shame all those that seek my harm ;
 To my relief thy mercy send,
 And truth, on which my hopes depend.
 4 For I with savage men converse,
 Like hungry lions wild and fierce,
 With men whose teeth are spears, their words
 Invenom'd darts, and two edg'd swords.
 5 Be thou, O God exalted high ;
 And, as thy glory fills the sky,
 So let it be on earth display'd ;
 Till thou art here, as there, obey'd.
 6 To take me, they their net prepar'd,
 And had almost my soul ensnar'd ;
 But fell themselves, by just decree,
 Into the pit they made for me.

7 O God, my heart is fix'd, 'tis bent,
 It's thankful tribute to present ;
 And, with my heart my voice I'll raise
 To thee, my God, in songs of praise.
 8 Awake, my glory, harp, and lute,
 No longer let your strings be mute ;
 And I, my tuneful part to take,
 Will with the early dawn awake.

9 Thy praises, Lord, I will resound
 To all the list'ning nation's round ;
 10 Thy mercy highest heav'n transcends,
 Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.
 11 Be thou, O God, exalted high ;
 And, as thy glory fills the sky,
 So let it be on earth display'd ;
 Till thou art here, as there, obey'd ;

P S A L M LVIII.

1 **S**PEAK, O ye judges of the earth,
 if just your sentence be ;
 Or must not innocence appeal
 to heav'n, from your decree ?
 2 Your wicked hearts and judgments are
 alike by malice sway'd ;
 Your griping hands by weighty bribes,
 to violence betray'd.
 3 To virtue, strangers from the womb,
 their infant steps went wrong :
 They prattled slander and in lies
 employ'd their lisping tongue.
 4 No serpent of parch'd Afric's breed,
 does ranker poison bear ;
 The drowsy adder will as soon
 unlock his fullen ear.

5 Unmov'd

- 5 Unmov'd by good advice, and deaf
as adders they remain ;
From whom the skilful charmer's voice
can no attention gain.
- 6 Defeat, O God, their threat'ning rage,
and timely break their pow'r :
Disarm these growing lion's jaws,
e'er practis'd to devour.
- 7 Let now their insolence at height,
like ebbing tides be spent ;
Their shiver'd darts deceive their aim,
when they their bow have bent :
- 8 Like snails let them dissolve to slime ;
like hasty births become,
Unworthy to behold the sun,
and dead within the womb.
- 9 E'er thorns can make the flesh pots boil,
tempestuous wrath shall come
From God, and snatch them hence alive
to their eternal doom.
- 10 The righteous shall rejoice to see
their crimes such vengeance meet ;
And saints in persecutors blood
shall dip their harmless feet.
- 11 Transgressors then with grief shall see
just men rewards obtain ;
And own a God whose justice will
the guilty earth arraign.

P S A L M LIX.

- 1 **D**ELIVER me, O Lord my God,
from all my spiteful foes :
In my defence oppose thy pow'r
to theirs who me oppose.

- 2 Preserve me from a wicked race,
who make a trade of ill ;
Protect me from remorseless men
who seek my blood to spill.
- 3 They lie in wait, and mighty pow'rs
against my life combine,
Implacable ; yet, Lord, thou know'st,
for no offence of mine.
- 4 In haste they run about, and watch
my guiltless life to take :
Look down, O Lord, on my distress,
and to my help awake.
- 5 Thou, Lord of hosts, and Israel's God,
their heathen rage suppress ;
Relentless vengeance take on those,
who stubbornly transgress.
- 6 At evening to beset my house,
like growling dogs they meet ;
While others through the city range,
and ransack'd ev'ry street.
- 7 Their throats invenom'd slander breath,
their tongues are sharpen'd swords :
“ Who hears (say they ;) or, hearing, dares
“ reprove our lawless words ?”
- 8 But from thy throne thou shalt, O Lord,
their baffled plots deride ;
And soon to scorn and shame expose
their boasted heathen pride.
- 9 On thee I wait ; 'tis on thy strength
for succour I depend :
'Tis thou, O God, art my defence,
who only can defend.

10 Thy mercy, Lord, which has so oft
from danger set me free,
Shall crown my wishes, and subdue
my haughty foes to me.

11 Destroy them not, O Lord, at once ;
restrain thy vengeful blow ;
Least we, ingratefully, too soon
forget their overthrow.
Disperse them through the nations round,
by thy avenging power :
Do thou bring down their haughty pride,
O Lord, our shield and tow'r.

12 Now in the height of all their hopes,
their arrogance chastise ;
Whose tongues have fin'd without restraint,
and curses join'd with lies.
13 Nor shalt thou, whilst their race endure,
thine anger, Lord, suppress ;
That distant lands, by their just doom,
may Israel's God confess.

14 At ev'ning let them still persist
like growling dogs, to meet ;
Still wander all the city round,
and traverse every street.

15 Then, as for malice now they do,
for hunger let them stay :
And yell their vain complaints aloud,
defeated of their prey :

16 Whilst early I thy mercy sing,
thy wond'rous pow'r confess :
For thou hast been my sure defence,
my refuge in distress.

17 To thee, with never-ceasing praise,
 O God, my strength, I'll sing :
 Thou art my God, the rock from whence
 my health and safety spring.

P S A L M LX.

1 **O** God, who hast our troops dispers'd,
 Forsaking those who left thee first ;
 As we thy just displeasure mourn,
 To us in mercy, Lord, return.
 2 Our strength, that firm as earth did stand,
 Is rent by thy avenging hand :
 O ! heal the breaches thou hast made :
 We shake, we fall, without thy aid.

3 Our folly's sad effects we feel ;
 For, drunk with discord's cup, we reel,
 4 But now, for them who thee rever'd,
 'Thou hast thy truth's bright banner rear'd.
 5 Let thy right-hand thy saints protect :
 Lord, hear the pray'rs that we direct.
 6 The holy God has spoke ; and I,
 O'erjoy'd on his firm word rely.

To thee in portions I'll divide
 Fair Sichem's soil, Samaria's pride :
 To Sichem, Succoth next I'll join,
 And measure out her vale by line.
 7 Manasseh, Gilead, both subscribe
 To my commands, with Ephraim's tribe,
 Ephraim by arms supports my cause,
 And Judah by religious laws.

8 Moab, my slave and drudge shall be,
 Nor Edom from my yoke get free ;
 Proud Palastine's imperious state
 Shall humbly on our triumph wait.

9 But

9 But who shall quell these mighty pow'rs
 And clear my way to Edom's tow'rs ?
 Or through her guarded frontiers tread
 The path that does to conquest lead ?
 10 Ev'n thou, O God who hast dispers'd
 Our troops (for we forsook the first),
 Those; whom thou didst in wrath forsake,
 Aton'd, thou wilt victorious make.

11 Do thou our fainting cause sustain ;
 For human succours are but vain.
 12 Fresh strength and courage God bestows :
 'Tis he treads down our proudest foes.

P S A L M LXI.

1 **L**ORD, hear my cry, regard my pray'r
 which I oppress'd with grief ;
 2 From earth's remotest parts address
 to thee for kind relief.
 O ! lodge me safe beyond the reach
 of persecuting pow'r,
 3 Thou, who so oft from spiteful foes
 hast been my shelt'ring tow'r.
 4 So shall I in thy sacred courts
 secure from danger lie ;
 Beneath the covert of thy wings,
 all future storms defy.
 5 In sign my vows are heard, once more,
 I o'er thy chosen reign :
 6 O ! bless with long and prosp'rous life,
 the king thou didst ordain.
 7 Confirm his throne, and make his reign
 accepted in thy sight ;
 And let thy truth and mercy both
 in his defence unite.

8 So shall I ever sing thy praise,
thy name for ever bless ;
Devote my prosp'rous days to pay
the vows of my distress.

P S A L M LXII.

1 **M**Y Soul for help on God relies ;
2 **M** From him alone my safety flows :
My rock, my health, that strength supplies,
To bear the shock of all my foes.
3 How long will ye contrive my fall,
Which will but hasten on your own !
You'll totter like a bending wall,
Or fence of uncemented stone.

4 To make my envy'd honors less,
They strive with lies, their chief delight ;
For they, tho' with their mouth they bless,
In private curse with inward spight.
5, 6 But thou, my soul, on God rely ;
On him alone thy trust repose :
My rock and health with strength supply,
To bear the shock of all my foes.

7 God does his saving health dispense,
And flowing blessings daily send :
He is my fortress and defence ;
On him my soul shall still depend.
8 In him, ye people, always trust ;
Before his throne pour out your hearts ;
For God, the merciful and just,
His timely aid to us imparts.

9 The vulgar sickle are and frail ;
The great dissemble and betray ;
And laid in truth's impartial scale,
The lightest things will both outweigh.

10 Then trust not in oppressive ways ;
By spoil and rapine grow not vain ;
Nor let your hearts, if wealth encrease,
Be set too much upon your gain.

11 For God has oft his will express'd,
And I this truth have fully known ;
To be of boundless pow'r possess'd,
Belongs, of right, to God alone.

12 Though mercy is his darling grace,
In which he chiefly takes delight ;
Yet will he all the human race
According to their works requite.

P S A L M LXIII.

1 **O** GOD, my gracious God to thee,
My morning pray'rs shall offer'd be ;
For thee my thirsty soul does pant ;
My fainting flesh implores thy grace,
Within this dry and barren place,
Where I refreshing waters want.

2 O ! to my longing eyes once more
That view of glorious pow'r restore,
Which thy majestic house displays :

3 Because to me thy wond'rous love
Than life itself does dearer prove,
My lips shall always speak thy praise.

4 My life, while I that life enjoy,
In blessing God I will employ ;
With lifted hands adore his name :

5 My soul's content shall be as great
As theirs, who choicest dainties eat,
While I with joy his praise proclaim.

6 When down I lie, sweet sleep to find,
Thou, Lord, art present to my mind ;
And when I wake in dead of night,

7 Because thou still dost succour bring,
Beneath the shadow of thy wing
I rest with safety and delight.

8 My soul, when foes would me devour,
Cleaves fast to thee, whose matchless pow'r
In her support is daily shown :

9 But those the righteous Lord shall slay,
That my destruction wish ; and they,
That seek my life shall loose their own.

10, 11 They by untimely ends shall die.
Their flesh a prey to foxes lie ;

But God shall fill the king with joy :
Who swears by thee shall still rejoice ;
Whilst the false tongue, and lying voice,
Thou, Lord, shall silence and destroy.

P S A L M LXIV.

LORD, hear the voice of my complaint,
to my request give ear ;
Preserve my life from cruel foes,
and free my soul from fear.

2 O ! hide me with thy tender care
in some secure retreat,
From sinners that against me rise ;
and all their plots defeat.

3 See how, intent to work my harm,
they whet their tongues like swords ;
And bend their bows to shoot their darts,
sharp lies and bitter words.

4 Lurking in private, at the just,
they take their secret aim ;
And suddenly at him they shoot,
quite void of fear and shame.

- 5 To carry on their ill designs
they mutually agree ;
They speak of laying private snares,
and think that none shall see.
- 6 With utmost diligence and care
their wicked plots they lay :
The deep designs of all their hearts
are only to betray.
- 7 But God, to anger justly mov'd,
his dreadful bow shall bend,
And on his flying arrow's point
shall swift destruction send.
- 8 Those slanders which their mouths did vent
upon themselves shall fall ;
Their crimes disclos'd shall make them be
despis'd and shunn'd by all.
- 9 The world shall then God's pow'r confess,
and nations trembling stand ;
Convinc'd, that 'tis the mighty work
of his avenging hand :
- 10 Whilst righteous men, by God secur'd,
in him shall gladly trust ;
And all the list'ning earth shall hear
loud triumphs of the just.

P S A L M LXV.

- 1 **F**OR thee, O God, our constant praise
In Sion waits, thy chosen seat :
Our promis'd altars there we'll raise,
And all our zealous vows complete.
- 2 O Thou, who to my humble pray'r
Didst always bend thy list'ning ear,
To thee shall all mankind repair,
And at thy gracious thron. appear.

3 Our sins (tho' numberless) in vain
 To stop thy flowing mercy try ;
 Whilst thou o'erlook'st the guilty stain,
 And wastest out the crimson dye.

4 Blest is the man, who near thee plac'd,
 Within thy sacred dwelling lives ;
 Whilst we, at humbler distance taste
 The vast delight thy temple gives.

5 By wond'rous acts, O God most just,
 Have we thy gracious answer found :
 In thee remotest nations trust,
 And those whom stormy waves surround.

6, 7 God, by his strength, sets fast the hills,
 And does his matchless pow'r engage ;
 With which the seas loud waves he stills,
 And angry crouds tumultuous rage.

P A R T II.

8 Thou, Lord, dost barb'rous lands dismay,
 When they thy dreadful tokens view :
 With joy they see the night and day
 Each other track, by turns, pursue.
 9 From out thy unexhausted store
 Thy rain relieves the thirsty ground ;
 Makes lands that barren were before,
 With corn and useful fruits abound.

10 On rising ridges down it pours,
 And every furrow'd valley fills :
 Thou mak'st them soft with gentle show'rs
 In which a blest increase distills.

11 Thy goodness does the circling year,
 With fresh returns of plenty crown ;
 And where thy glorious paths appear,
 Thy fruitful clouds drop fatness down.

12 They

12 They drop on barren forests, chang'd.
By them to pastures fresh and green :
The hills about, in order rang'd,
In beauteous robes of joy are seen.

13 Large flocks with fleecy wool adorn
The chearful downs ; the vallies bring
A plenteous crop of full ear'd corn,
And seem, for joy, to shout and sing.

P S A L M LXVI.

1 **L**ET all the lands with shouts of joy,
2 **L** to God their voices raise ;
Sing psalms in honour to his name,
and spread his glorious praise.

3 And let them say, how dreadful, Lord,
in all thy works art thou !

To thy great pow'r thy stubborn foes
shall all be forc'd to bow.

4 Thro' all the earth the nations round
shall thee their God confess ;
And with glad hymns their awful dread
of thy great name express.

5 O ! come, behold the works of God ;
and then with me you'll own,

That he to all the sons of men
has wond'rous judgments shown.

6 He made the sea become dry land,
through which our fathers walk'd ;
Whilst to each other of his might
with joy his people talk'd.

7 He by his pow'r forever rules ;
his eyes the world survey :

Let no presumptuous man rebel
against his sov'reign sway.

P A R T II.

- 8, 9 O ! all ye nations bleſs our God,
and loudly ſpeak his praiſe ;
Who keeps our ſoul alive, and ſtill
confirms our ſtedfaſt ways.
- 10 For thou haſt try'd us, Lord, as fire
does try the precious ore :
- 11 Thou bro't'ſt us into ſtreights, where we
oppreſſing burdens bore.
- 12 Inſulting foes did us their ſlaves,
thro' fire and water chaſe ;
But yet, at laſt thou brought'ſt us forth
into a wealthy place.
- 13 Burnt-off'rings to thy houſe I'll bring,
and there my vows I'll pay :
- 14 Which I with ſolemn zeal did make
in trouble's diſmal day.
- 15 Then ſhall the richeſt incenſe ſmoke,
the fatteſt rams ſhall fall,
The choiceſt goats from out the fold,
and bullock from the ſtall.
- 16 O ! come, all ye that fear the Lord ;
attend with heedful care,
Whilst I, what God for me has done,
with grateful joy declare.
- 17, 18 As I, before, his aid implor'd,
ſo now I praiſe his name ;
Who, if my heart had harbour'd ſin,
would all my pray'rs diſclaim.
- 19 But God to me, whene'er I cry'd,
his gracious ear did bend ;
And to the voice of my request,
with conſtant love attend.

20 Then

20 Then blest'd for ever be my God,
 who never when I pray,
 With-holds his mercy from my soul,
 nor turns his face away.

P S A L M LXVII.

1 **T**O bless thy chosen race,
 in mercy, Lord, incline ;
 And cause the brightness of thy face
 on all thy saints to shine ;
 2 That so thy wond'rous way
 may through the world be known ;
 While distant lands their tribute pay,
 And thy salvation own.

3 Let diff'ring nations join
 to celebrate thy fame ;
 Let all the world, O Lord, combine
 to praise thy glorious name.
 4 O let them shout and sing,
 dissolv'd in pious mirth ;
 For thou the righteous Judge and King,
 shalt govern all the earth.

5 Let diff'ring nations join
 to celebrate thy fame ;
 Let all the world, O Lord, combine
 to praise thy glorious name.
 6 Then shall the teeming ground
 a large increase disclose ;
 And we with plenty shall be crown'd,
 which God, our God, bestows.

7 Then God upon our land
 shall constant blessings show'r ;
 And all the world in awe shall stand
 of his resistless pow'r.

P S A L M LXVIII.

1 **L**ET God, the God of battle, rise,
 And scatter his presumptuous foes :
 Let shameful rout their host surprise,
 Who spitefully his pow'r oppose.

2 As smoke in tempests rage is lost,
 Or wax into the furnace cast ;
 So let their sacrilegious host
 Before his wrathful presence waste.

3 But let the servants of his will
 His favours gentle beams enjoy ;
 Their upright hearts let gladness fill,
 And chearful songs their tongues employ.

4 To him your voice in anthems raise ;
 Jehovah's awful name he bears :
 In him rejoice ; extol his praise,
 Who rides upon high-rolling spheres.

5 Him, from his empire of the skies,
 To this low world compassion draws,
 The orphan's claim to patronize,
 And judge the injur'd widow's cause.

6 'Tis God, who from a foreign soil
 Restores poor exiles to their home ;
 Makes captives free ; and fruitless toil,
 Their proud oppressors righteous doom.

7 'Twas so of old, when thou did'st lead
 In person, Lord, our armies forth ;
 Strange terrors through the desert spread,
 Convulsions shook th' astonish'd earth.

8 The breaking clouds did rain distil,
 And heav'n's high arches shook with fear,
 How then should Sinai's humble hill
 Of Israel's God the presence bear !

9 Thy hand, at famish'd earth's complaint,
 Reliev'd her from celestial stores ;
 And, when thy heritage was faint,
 Asswag'd the drought with plenteous show'rs
 10 Where savages had rang'd before,
 At ease thou mad'st our tribes reside ;
 And in the desert for the poor,
 Thy gen'rous bounty did provide.

P A R T II.

11 'Thou gav'st the word ; we sallied forth,
 And in that pow'rful word o'ercame ;
 Whilst virgin-troops, with songs of mirth,
 In state our conquest did proclaim.

12 Vast armies, by such gen'rals led,
 As yet had ne'er receiv'd a foil,
 Forsook their camp with sudden dread,
 And to our women left the spoil.

13 Though Egypt's drudges you have been
 Your army's wings shall shine as bright
 As doves in golden sun-shine seen,
 Or silver'd o'er with paler light.

14 'Twas so, when God's almighty hand
 O'er scatter'd kings the conquest won ;
 Our troops, drawn up on Jordan's strand,
 High Salmon's glitt'ring snow outshone.

15 From thence to Jordan's farther coast,
 And Bashan's hill we did advance :
 No more her height shall Bashan boast,
 But that she's God's inheritance.

16 But wherefore (tho' the honour's great)
 Should this, O mountain, swell your pride ?
 For Sion is his chosen seat,
 Where he for ever will reside.

17 His chariots numberless ; his pow'rs
Are heav'nly hosts, that wait his will ;
His presence now fills Sion's tow'rs,
As once it honour'd Sinai's hill.

18 Ascending high in triumph thou
Captivity hast captive led ;
And on thy people didst bestow
The spoil of armies once their dread.

Ev'n rebels shall partake thy grace,
And humble proselytes repair
To worship at thy dwelling place,
And all the world pay homage there.

19 For benefits each day bestow'd,
Be daily his great name ador'd ;
20 Who is our Saviour, and our God,
Of life and death the sov'reign Lord.

21 But justice for his harden'd foes
Proportion'd vengeance hath decreed,
To wound the hoary head of those,
Who in presumptuous crimes proceed.

22 The Lord has thus in thunder spoke :
“ As I subdu'd proud Basban's king,
“ Once more I'll break my people's yoke,
“ And from the deep my servants bring :

23 “ Their feet shall with a crimson flood
“ Of slaughter'd foes be cover'd o'er ;
“ Nor earth receive such impious blood,
“ But leave for dogs th' unhallow'd gore.”

P A R T III.

24 When, marching to thy blest abode,
The wond'ring multitude survey'd
The pompous state of thee, our God,
In robes of majesty array'd ;

25 Sweet-

25 Sweet-finging Levites led the van :
Loud instruments brought up the rear ;
Between both troops a virgin train
With voice and timbrel charm'd the ear.

26 This was the burden of their song :

“ In full assemblies blest the Lord :

“ All who to Israel's tribes belong,

“ The God of Israel's praise record.”

27 Nor little Benjamin alone
From neighb'ring bounds did there attend,
Nor only Judah's nearer throne
Her counsellors in state did send ;
But Zebulon's remoter seat,
And Napthali's more distant coast,
(The grand procession to complete)
Sent up their tribes a princely host.

28 Thus God to strength and union brought
Our tribes, at strife till that blest hour :
This work, which thou, O God hast wrought
Confirm with fresh recruits of pow'r.

29 To visit Salem, Lord, descend,
And Sion thy terrestrial throne ;
Where kings with presents shall attend,
And thee with offer'd crowns atone.

30 Break down the spearmans ranks, who
Like pamper'd herds of savage might : (threat
Their silver armour'd chiefs defeat,
Who in destructive war delight.

31 Egypt shall then to God stretch forth
Her hands, and Afric homage bring :

32 The scatter'd kingdoms of the earth
Their common sov'reign's praises sing :

33 Who,

33 Who, mounted on the loftiest sphere
Of ancient heav'n sublimely rides ;
From whence his dreadful voice we hear,
Like that of warring winds and tides.

34 Ascribe ye pow'r to God most high
Of humble Israel he takes care ;
Whose strength, from out the dusky sky,
Darts shining terrors through the air.

35 How dreadful are the sacred courts,
Where God has fix'd his earthly throne !
His strength his feeble saints supports !
To God give praise, to him alone.

P S A L M LXIX.

1 **S**AVE me, O God, from waves that roll,
And press to overwhelm my soul.

2 With painful steps in mire I tread,
And deluges o'erflow my head.

3 With restless cries my spirits faint ;
My voice is hoarse with long complaint ;
My sight decays with tedious pain,
Whilst for my God I wait in vain.

4 My hairs, tho' num'rous, are but few,
Compar'd with foes that me pursue
With groundless hate, grown now of might
To execute their lawless spite ;
They force me, guiltless, to resign,
As rapine, what by right was mine.

5 Thou, Lord, my foolishness dost see,
Nor are my sins conceal'd from thee.

6 Lord God of hosts, take timely care,
Lest, for my sake thy saints despair :

7 Since I have suffer'd for thy name
Reproach, and hid my face in shame ;

8 A stranger to my country grown,
Nor to my nearest kindred known ;
A foreigner, expos'd to scorn
By brethren of my mother born.

9 For zeal to thy lov'd house and name,
Consumes me like devouring flame ;
Concern'd at their affronts to thee,
More than at flanders cast on me.

10 My very tears and abstinence,
They construe in a spiteful sense.

11 When cloath'd with sackcloth for their sake
They me their common proverb make.

12 Their judges make my wrongs their jest,
Those wrongs they ought to have redress'd.
How should I then expect to be
From libels of lewd drunkards free ?

13 But, Lord, to thee I will repair
For help, with humble, timely pray'r :
Relieve me from thy mercy's store :
Display thy truth's preserving pow'r.

14 From threat'ning dangers me relieve,
And from the mire my feet retrieve ;
From spiteful foes in safety keep,
And snatch me from the raging deep.

15 Controul the deluge, e'er it spread,
And roll it's waves above my head ;
Nor deep destruction's yawning pit
To close her jaws on me permit.

16 Lord, hear the humble pray'r I make,
For thy transcending goodness' sake ;
Relieve thy suppliant once more
From thy abounding mercy's store.

17 Nor from thy servant hide thy face :
Make haste, for desp'rate is my case :

18 Thy timely succour interpose,
And shield me from remorseless foes.

19 Thou know'st what infamy and scorn
I from my enemies have borne ;
Nor can their close-dissembled spite,
Or darkest plots escape thy sight.

20 Reproach and grief have broke my heart ;
I look'd for some to take my part,
To pity or relieve my pain ;
But look'd alas ! for both in vain.

21 With hunger pin'd for food I call :
Instead of food, they give me gall :
And when with thirst my spirits sink,
They give me vinegar to drink.

22 Their table therefore to their health
Shall prove a snare, a trap their wealth ;

23 Perpetual darkness seize their eyes ;
And sudden blast their hopes surprize.

24 On them thou shalt thy fury pour,
Till thy fierce wrath their race devour ;
25 And make their house a dismal cell,
Where none will e'er vouchsafe to dwell.

26 For new afflictions they procur'd
For him who had thy stripes endur'd ;
And made the wounds thy scourge had torn,
To bleed afresh with sharper scorn.

27 Sin shall to sin their steps betray,
Till they to truth have lost the way.
From life thou shalt exclude their soul,
Nor, with the just their names inroll.

29 But me, howe'er distress'd and poor,
Thy strong salvation shall restore :
30 Thy pow'r with songs I'll then proclaim,
And celebrate with thanks thy name.

31 Our God shall this more highly prize,
Than herds and flocks in sacrifice :
32 Which humble saints with joy shall see,
And hope for like redress with me.
33 For God regards the poor's complaint ;
Sets pris'ners free from close restraint.
24 Let heav'n, earth, sea, their voices raise,
And all the world resound his praise.

35 For God will Sion's walls erect ;
Fair Judah's cities he'll protect ;
Till all her scatter'd sons repair
To undisturb'd possession there.
36 This blessing they shall, at their death,
To their religious heirs bequeath ;
And they to endless ages more,
Of such as his blest name adore.

P S A L M LXX.

1 **O** LORD, to my relief draw near ;
For never was more pressing need :
For my deliv'rance, Lord, appear
And add to that deliv'rance speed.
2 Confusion on their heads return ;
Who to destroy me do combine :
Let them, defeated, blush and mourn,
Ensnar'd in their own vile design.
3 Their doom let desolation be ;
With shame their malice be repaid,
Who mock'd my confidence in thee,
And sport of my affliction made ;

4 While

4 While those who humbly seek thy face,
 To joyful triumphs shall be rais'd ;
 And all, who prize thy saving grace,
 With me shall sing, the Lord be prais'd.
 Thus wretched though I am, and poor,
 The mighty Lord of me takes care :
 Thou, God, who only can'st restore,
 To my relief with speed repair.

P S A L M LXXI.

1 **I**N thee I put my stedfast trust ;
 2 defend me, Lord, from shame :
 Incline thine ear, and save my soul ;
 for righteous is thy name.
 3 Be thou my strong abiding-place,
 to which I may resort :
 'Tis thy decree that keeps me safe ;
 Thou art my rock and fort.
 4, 5 From cruel and ungodly men
 protect and set me free ;
 For from my earliest youth till now,
 my hope has been in thee,
 6 Thy constant care did safely gaurd
 my tender infant days ;
 Thou took'st me from my mother's womb,
 to sing thy constant praise.
 7, 8 While some on me with wonder gaze
 thy hand supports me still :
 Thy honor therefore, and thy praise,
 my mouth shall always fill.
 9 Reject not then thy servant, Lord,
 when I with age decay :
 Forsake me not, when worn with years,
 my vigor fades away.

- 10 My foes, against my fame and me,
with crafty malice speak ;
Against my soul they lay their snares,
and mutual counsel take.
- 11 " His God, say they, forsakes him now
" on whom he did rely :
" Pursue and take him, whilst no hope
" of timely aid is nigh."
- 12 But thou, my God, withdraw not far,
for speedy help I call ;
- 13 To shame and ruin bring my foes,
that seek to work my fall.
- 14 But as for me, my stedfast hope
shall on thy pow'r depend ;
And I in grateful songs of praise,
my time to come will spend.

P A R T II

- 15 Thy righteous acts, and saving health
my mouth shall still declare ;
Unable yet to count them all,
tho' sum'd with utmost care.
- 16 While God vouchsafes me his support,
I'll in his strength go on ;
All other righteousness disclaim,
and mention his alone.
- 17 Thou, Lord, hast taught me from my youth
to praise thy glorious name :
And ever since thy wond'rous works
have been my constant theme.
- 18 Then now forsake me not, when I
am grey and feeble grown ;
Till I to these, and future times,
thy strength and pow'r have shone.

- 19 How high thy justice soars, O God ;
 how great and wond'rous are
 The mighty works which thou hast done !
 who may with thee compare !
- 20 Me, whom thy hand has forely press'd,
 thy grace shall yet relieve :
 And from the lowest depth of woe
 with tender care retrieve.
- 21 Through thee, my time to come shall be
 with pow'r and greatness crown'd ;
 And me, who dismal years have pass'd,
 thy comforts shall surround :
- 22 Therefore with psaltery and harp,
 thy truth, O Lord, I'll praise ;
 To thee, the God of Jacob's race,
 my voice in anthems raise.
- 23 'Then joy shall fill my mouth, and songs
 employ my chearful voice ;
 My grateful soul, by thee redeem'd,
 shall in thy strength rejoice.
- 24 My tongue thy just and righteous acts
 shall all the day proclaim ;
 Because thou didst confound my foes,
 and brought'st them all to shame.

P S A L M LXXII.

- L**ORD, let thy just decrees the king
 in all his ways direct ;
 And let his son, throughout his reign,
 thy righteous laws respect.
- 2 So shall he still thy people judge
 with pure and upright mind,
 Whilst all the helpless poor shall him
 their just protector find.

3 Then

- 3 Then hills and mountains shall bring forth
the happy fruits of peace ;
Which all the land shall own to be
the work of righteousness :
- 4 Whilst he the poor and needy race
shall rule with gentle sway,
And from their humble neck shall take
oppressive yokes away.
- 5 In ev'ry heart, thy awful fear
shall then be rooted fast,
As long as sun and moon endure,
or time itself shall last.
- 6 He shall descend like rain, that cheers
the meadows second birth ;
Or like warm show'rs whose gentle drops
refresh the thirsty earth.
- 7 In his blest days the just and good
shall be with favour crown'd ;
The happy land shall ev'ry-where
with endless peace abound.
- 8 His uncontroul'd dominion shall
from sea to sea extend ;
Begin at proud Euphartes' streams,
at nature's limits end.
- 9 To him the savage nations round
shall bow their servile heads :
His vanquish'd foes shall lick the dust,
where he his conquest spreads :
- 10 The kings of Tarshish, and the isles,
shall costly presents bring ;
From spicy Sheba gifts shall come,
and wealthy Saba's king.

- 11 To him shall every king on earth
his humble homage pay ;
And diff'ring nations gladly join
to own his righteous sway.
12 For he shall set the needy free,
when they for succour cry ;
Shall save the helpless, and the poor,
and all their wants supply.

P A R T II.

- 13 His providence for needy souls,
shall due supplies prepare ;
And over their defenceless lives
shall watch with tender care.
14 He shall preserve and keep their souls
from fraud and rapine free ;
And in his sight their guiltless blood
of mighty price shall be.
15 Therefore shall God his life and reign
to many years extend ;
Whilst eastern princes tribute pay,
and golden presents send.
For him shall constant pray'rs be made
through all his prosp'rous days :
His just dominion shall afford
a lasting theme of praise.
16 Of useful grain, through all the land,
great plenty shall appear ;
A handful sown on mountain top
a mighty crop shall bear :
Its fruit, like cedars shook by winds,
a rattling noise shall yield :
The city too shall thrive, and vie,
for plenty, with the field.

17 The mem'ry of his glorious name
through endless years shall run ;
His spotless fame shall shine as bright
and lasting as the sun.

In him the nations of the world
shall be completely bless'd,
And his unbounded happiness
by ev'ry tongue confess'd.

18 Then bless'd be God, the mighty Lord,
the God whom Israel fears ;
Who only wond'rous in his works,
beyond compare, appears.

19 Let earth be with his glory fill'd ;
for ever bless his name ;
Whilst to his praise the list'ning world
their glad assent proclaim.

P S A L M LXXIII.

1 **A**T length by certain proofs, 'tis plain
That God will to his saints be kind ;
That all whose hearts are pure and clean,
Shall his protecting favor find.

2, 3 Till this sustaining truth I knew,
My stagg'ring feet had almost fail'd :
I griev'd, the sinner's wealth to view,
And envy'd when the fools prevail'd.

4, 5 They to the grave in peace descend,
And, whilst they live, are hale and strong ;
No plague or trouble them offend,
Which oft to other men belong.

6, 7 With pride, as with a chain, they're held,
And rapine seems their robe of state ;
Their eyes stand out, with fatness swell'd ;
They grow, beyond their wishes great.

8, 9 With hearts corrupt, and lofty talk,
Oppressive methods they defend ;
Their tongue thro' all the earth does walk,
Their blasphemies to heav'n ascend.

10 And yet admiring crouds are found,
Who servile visits duely make ;
Because with plenty they abound,
Of which their flatt'ring slaves partake.

11 Their fond opinion these pursue,
'Till they with them profanely cry,
" How should the Lord our actions view ?
" Can he perceive, who dwells so high ?"

12 Behold the wicked ! these are they
Who openly their sins profess ;
And yet their wealth's encreas'd each day,
And all their actions meet success.

13 " Then have I cleans'd my heart (said I)
" And wash'd my hands from guilt, in vain,
" If all the day oppress'd I lie,
" And every morning suffer pain."

15 Thus did I once to speak intend :
But if such things I rashly say,
Thy children, Lord, I must offend,
And basely should their cause betray.

P A R T II.

16, 17 To fathom this, my thoughts I bent
But found the case too hard for me ;
'Till to the house of God I went :
Then I their end did plainly see.

18 How high soe'er advanc'd, they all
On slipp'ry places loosely stand ;
Thence into ruin headlong fall,
Cast down by thy avenging hand.

19, 20 How

19, 20 How dreadful and how quick their fate!
 Despis'd by thee, when they're destroy'd
 As waking men with scorn do treat
 The fancies that their dreams employ'd.
 21, 22 Thus was my heart with grief oppress'd
 My reins were rack'd with restless pains ;
 So stupid was I, like a beast,
 Who no reflecting thought retains.

23 24 Yet still thy presence me supply'd,
 And thy right-hand assistance gave ;
 Thou first shalt with thy counsel guide,
 And then to glory me receive.
 25 Whom then in heav'n but thee alone
 Have I, whose favour I require ?
 Throughout the spacious earth there's none,
 That I besides thee can desire.

26 My trembling flesh, and aching heart,
 May often fail to succour me ;
 But God shall inward strength impart:
 And my eternal portion be.
 27 For they that far from thee remove,
 Shall into sudden ruin fall :
 If after other Gods they rove,
 Thy vengeance shall destroy them all.

28 But as for me, 'tis good and just,
 That I should still to God repair ;
 In him I always put my trust,
 And will his wond'rous works declare.

P S A L M · LXXIV.

1 **W**HY hast thou cast us off, O God ?
 wilt thou no more return ?
 O ! why against thy chosen flock
 does thy fierce anger burn ?

2 Think on thy ancient purchase, Lord,
the land that is thy own,
By thee redeem'd ; and Sion's mount,
where once thy glory shone.

3 Oh, come and view our ruin'd state !
how long our troubles last !
See how the foe with wicked rage
has laid thy temple waste !

4 Thy foes blaspheme thy name ; where late
thy zealous servants pray'd,
The heathen there, with haughty pomp,
their banners have display'd.

5, 6 Those curious carvings, which did once
advance the artist fame,

With ax and hammer they destroy,
like works of vulgar frame,

7 Thy holy temple they have burnt ;
and what escap'd the flame,

Has been profan'd, and quite defac'd,
though sacred to thy name.

8 Thy worship wholly to destroy
maliciously they aim'd ;

And all the sacred places burn'd,
where we thy praise proclaim'd.

9 Yet of thy presence thou vouchsaf'st
no tender signs to send :

We have no prophet now, that knows
when this sad state shall end.

P A R T II.

10 But, Lord, how long wilt thou permit
th' insulting foe to boast ?

Shall all the honour of thy name
for evermore be lost ?

11 Why

11 Why hold'st thou back thy strong right-
 and on thy patient breast, (hand,
 When vengeance calls to stretch it forth,
 so calmly lett'st it rest ?

12 Thou heretofore with kingly pow'r,
 in our defence hast fought ;
 For us, throughout the wond'ring world,
 hast great salvation wrought.

13 'Twas thou, O God, who didst the sea,
 by thy own strength divide :
 Thou brak'st the wat'ry monsters head,
 the waves o'erwhelm'd their pride.

14 The greatest, fiercest of them all
 that seem'd the deep to sway,
 Was by thy pow'r destroy'd, and made
 to savage beasts a prey.

15 Thou clav'st the solid rock, and mad'st
 the waters largely flow :
 Again, thou mad'st, thro' parting streams,
 thy wand'ring people go.

16 Thine is the chearful day, and thine
 the black return of night ;
 Thou hast prepar'd the glorious sun,
 and ev'ry feeble light.

17 By thee the borders of the earth
 in perfect order stand :
 The summer's warmth, and winter's cold,
 attend on thy command.

P A R T III.

18 Remember, Lord, how scornful foes
 have daily urg'd our shame ;
 And how the foolish people have
 blasphem'd thy holy name,

19 O,

19 O, free thy mourning turtle-dove,
by sinful crouds beset ;
Nor the assembly of thy poor
for evermore forget.

20 Thy ancient cov'nant, Lord, regard,
and make thy promise good ;
For now each corner of the land
is fill'd with men of blood.

21 O let not the oppress'd return,
with sorrow cloath'd, and shame ;
But let the helpless and the poor
forever praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, in our behalf ;
thy cause and ours maintain :
Remember how insulting fools
each day thy name profane !

23 Make thou the boastings of thy foes
forever, Lord, to cease ;
Whose insolence, if unchastiz'd,
will more and more increase.

P S A L M LXXV.

1 **T**O thee, O God, we render praise,
to thee with thanks repair ;
For, that thy name to us is nigh,
thy wond'rous works declare.

2 In Israel when my throne is fix'd,
with me shall justice reign.

3 The land with discord shakes ; but I
the sinking frame sustain.

4 Deluded wretches I advis'd
their errors to redress !

And warn'd bold sinners, that they should
their swelling pride suppress.

- 5 Bear not yourselves so high, as if
no pow'r could your's restrain :
Submit your stubborn necks, and learn
to speak with less disdain :
- 6 For that promotion, which to gain,
your vain ambition strives,
From neither east, nor west, nor yet
from southern climes arrives.
- 7 For God the great disposer is,
and sov'reign Judge alone,
Who casts the proud to earth, and lifts
the humble to a throne.
- 8 His hand holds forth a dreadful cup ;
with purple wine 'tis crown'd ;
The deadly mixture, which his wrath
deals out to nations round.
Of this his saints sometimes may taste ;
but wicked men shall squeeze
Their bitter dregs, and be condemn'd
to drink the very lees.
- 9 His prophet I, to all the world
this message will relate :
The justice then of Jacob's God
my song shall celebrate.
- 10 The wicked's pride I will reduce,
their cruelty disarm ;
Exalt the just, and seat him high,
above the reach of harm.

P S A L M LXXVI.

IN Judah the Almighty's known,
(Almighty, there, by wonders shown :)
His name in Jacob does excel :

- 2 His sanctuary in Salem stands :
The majesty that heaven commands,
In Sion condescends to dwell.
- 3 He brake the bow and arrows there,
The shield, the temper'd sword and spear ;
There slain the mighty army lay :
- 4 Whence Sion's fame thro' earth is spread,
Of greater glory, greater dread,
Than hills where robbers lodge their prey.
- 5 Their valiant chiefs, who came for spoil,
Themselves met there a shameful foil :
Securely down to sleep they lay ;
But wak'd no more ; their stoutest band
Ne'er lifted one resisting hand
'Gainst his that did their legions slay.
- 6 When Jacob's God began to frown,
Both horse and charioteers o'erthrown,
Together slept in endless night.
- 7 When thou, whom earth and heav'n revere
Dost once with wrathful look appear,
What mortal pow'r can stand thy fight ?
- 8 Pronounc'd from heaven, earth heard its
(doom ;
Grew hush'd with fear when thou didst come,
- 9 The meek with justice to restore.
- 10 The wrath of man shall yield thee praise ;
Its last attempts but serve to raise
The triumphs of almighty pow'r.
- 11 Vow to the Lord ; ye nations, bring
Vow'd presents to th' eternal king :
Thus to his name due rev'rence pay,

12 Who

12 Who proudest potentates can quell,
To earthly kings more terrible,
Than, to their trembling subjects, they.

P S A L M LXXVII.

- 1 **T**O God I cry'd, who to my help
did graciously repair ;
2 In trouble's dismal day I fought
my God with humble pray'r.
All night my fest'ring wound did run ;
no med'cine gave relief :
My soul no comfort would admit,
my soul indulg'd her grief.
3 I thought on God, and favours pass'd ;
but that increas'd my pain :
I found my spirit more oppress'd,
the more I did complain.
4 'Thro' ev'ry watch of tedious night
thou keep'st my eyes awake ;
My grief is swell'd to that excess,
I sigh, but cannot speak.
5 I call'd to mind the days of old,
with signal mercy crown'd ;
Those famous years of ancient times,
for miracles renown'd.
6 By night I recollect my songs,
on former triumphs made ;
Then search, consult, and ask my heart,
where's now that wond'rous aid ?
7 Has God forever cast us off ?
withdrawn his favour quite ?
8 Are both his mercy and his truth
retir'd to endless night ?

9 Can his long-practis'd love forget
its wonted aids to bring ?

Has he in wrath shut up and seal'd
his mercy's healing spring ?

10 I said, my weakness hints these fears ;
but I'll my fears disband ;
I'll yet remember the Most High,
and years of his right-hand.

11 I'll call to mind his works of old,
the wonders of his might ;

12 On them my heart shall meditate,
my tongue shall them recite.

13 Safe lodg'd from human search on high,
O God, thy counsels are !

Who is so great a God as ours ?
who can with him compare ?

14 Long since a God of wonders thee
thy rescu'd people found :

15 Long since hast thou thy chosen seed
with strong deliv'rance crown'd.

16 When thee O God, the waters saw,
the frighted billows shrunk :
The troubled depths themselves, for fear
beneath their channels sunk.

17 The clouds pour'd down, while rending
did with their noise conspire ; [skies
Thy arrows all abroad were sent.
wing'd with avenging fire.

18 Heav'n with thy thunder's voice was torn
whilst all the lower world
With lightning blaz'd, earth shook and seem'd
from her foundations hurl'd.

18 Thro'

19 Thro' rolling streams thou find'st thy
 thy paths in waters lie ; (way,
 Thy wond'rous passage, where no fight
 thy footsteps can descry.

20 Thou ledd'st thy people like a flock ;
 safe thro' the desert land,
 By Moses, their meek skilful guide,
 and Aaron's sacred hand.

P S A L M LXXVIII.

1 **H**EAR, O my people to my law,
 devout attention lend ;
 Let the instruction of my mouth
 deep in your hearts descend.

2 My tongue, by inspiration taught,
 shall parables unfold,
 Dark oracles, but understood,
 and own'd for truths of old ;

3 Which we from sacred registers
 of ancient times have known,
 And our forefathers pious care
 to us has handed down.

4 We will not hide them from our sons ;
 our offspring shall be taught
 The praises of the Lord, whose strength
 has works of wonder wrought.

5 For Jacob he this law ordain'd,
 this league with Isr'el made ;
 With charge, to be from age to age,
 from race to race convey'd.

6 That generations yet to come,
 should to their unborn heirs
 Religiously transmit the same,
 and they again to theirs.

- 7 To teach them that in God alone
their hope securely stands ;
That they should ne'er his works forget,
but keep his just commands.
- 8 Lest, like their fathers, they might prove
a stiff rebellious race,
False-hearted, fickle to their God,
unstedfast in his grace.
- 9 Such were revolting Ephraim's sons,
who tho' to warfare bred,
And skilful archers arm'd with bows,
from field ignobly fled.
- 10, 11 They falsify'd their league with God,
his orders disobey'd,
Forgot his works and miracles
before their eyes display'd.
- 12 Nor wonders, which their fathers saw,
did they in mind retain ;
Prodigious things in Egypt done,
and Zoan's fertile plain.
- 13 He cut the seas to let them pass,
restrain'd the pressing flood ;
While pil'd on heaps, on either side,
the solid water stood.
- 14 A wond'rous pillar led them on,
compos'd of shade and light ;
A shelt'ring cloud it prov'd by day,
a leading fire by night.
- 15 When drought oppress'd them, where no
the wilderness supply'd. (stream
He cleft the rock, whose flinty breast
dissolv'd into a tide :

- 16 Streams from the solid rock he brought
which down in rivers fell,
That trav'ling with their camp each day
renew'd the miracle.
- 17 Yet there they sinn'd against him more,
provoking the Most High ;
In the same desert where he did
their fainting souls supply.
- 18 They first incens'd him in their hearts,
that did his pow'r distrust,
And long'd for meat, not urg'd by want ;
but to indulge their lust.
- 19 Then utter'd their blaspheming doubts,
“ Can God, say they, prepare
“ A table in the wilderness,
“ set out with various fare ?”
- 20 “ He smote the flinty rock ('tis true)
“ and gushing streams ensu'd ;
“ But can he corn and flesh provide
“ for such a multitude ?”
- 21 The Lord with indignation heard ;
from heav'n avenging flame
On Jacob fell, consuming wrath
on thankless Isr'el came.
- 22 Because their unbelieving hearts
in God would not confide,
Nor trust his care, who had from heav'n
their wants so oft supply'd :
- 23 Tho' he had made his clouds discharge
provisions down in show'rs ;
And when earth fail'd, reliev'd their needs
from his celestial stores.

24. Tho' tasteful manna was rain'd down
their hunger to relieve ;
'Tho' from the stores of heav'n they did
sustaining corn receive.
25. Thus man with angels sacred food,
ingrateful man was fed ;
Not sparingly, for still they found
a plenteous table spread.
26. From heav'n he made an east wind blow,
then did the south command
27 To rain down flesh like dust, and fowls
like sea's unnumber'd sand.
- 28 Within their trenches he let fall
the luscious easy prey,
And all around their spreading camp
the feather'd booty lay.
- 29 They fed, were fill'd, he gave them leave
their appetites to feast ;
- 30, 31 Yet still their wonted lust crav'd on,
nor with their hunger ceas'd :
But whilst, in their luxurious mouths,
they did their dainties chew,
'The wrath of God smote down their chiefs,
and Israel's chosen flew.

P A R T II.

- 32 Yet still they sinn'd, nor would afford
his miracles belief ;
- 33 Therefore thro' fruitless travels he
consum'd their lives in grief.
- 34 When some were slain, the rest return'd
to God with early cry ;
- 35 Own'd him the rock of their defence,
their Saviour, God Most High.

36 But

- 36 But this was feign'd submission all,
their heart their tongue bely'd ;
37 Their heart was still perverse, nor would
firm in his league abide.
38 Yet, full of mercy he forgave,
nor did with death chastise !
But turn'd his kindled wrath aside,
or would not let it rise.
- 39 For he remember'd they were flesh,
that could not long remain ;
A murm'ring wind that's quickly past,
and ne'er returns again.
40 How oft did they provoke him there,
How oft his patience grieve,
In that same desert where he did
their fainting souls relieve !
- 41 They tempted him by turning back,
and wickedly repin'd ;
When Israel's God refus'd to be
by their desires confin'd.
42 Nor call'd to mind the hand and day
that their redemption brought ;
43 His signs in Egypt, wond'rous works
in Zoan's valley wrought.
- 44 He turn'd the rivers into blood,
that man and beast forebore ;
And rather chose to die of thirst,
than drink the putrid gore.
45 He sent devouring swarms of flies,
hoarse frogs annoy'd their soil,
46 Locusts and caterpillars reap'd
the harvest of their toil.

47 Their vines with batt'ring hail were broke,
with frost the fig-tree dies ;

48 Lightning and hail made flocks and herds
one general sacrifice.

49 He turn'd his anger loose and set
no time for it to cease ;

And with their plagues bad angels sent
their torments to increase.

50 He clear'd a passage for his wrath
to ravage uncontroll'd ;

The murrain on their firstlings seiz'd
in ev'ry field and fold.

51 The deadly pest from beast to man,
from field to city came ;

It slew their heirs, their eldest hopes,
through all the tents of Ham.

52 But his own tribe, like folded sheep,
he brought from their distress ;

And them conducted like a flock,
throughout the wilderness.

53 He led them on, and in their way
no cause of fear they found ;

But march'd securely through those deeps,
in which their foes were drown'd.

54 Nor ceas'd his care till them he brought
safe to his promis'd land,

And to his holy mount, the prize
of his victorious hand.

55 To them the out-cast heathen's land
He did by lot divide ;

And in their foes abandon'd tents,
made Isr'el's tribes reside.

P A R T III.

- 56 Yet still they tempted, still provok'd
the wrath of God Most High ;
Nor would to practise his commands
their stubborn hearts apply :
57 But in their father's faithless steps
perversely chose to go :
They turn'd aside, like arrows shot
from some deceitful bow.
- 58 For him to fury they provok'd
with altars set on high ;
And with their graven images
inflam'd his jealousy.
59 When God heard this, on Isr'el's tribes
his wrath and hatred fell ;
60 He quitted Shiloh, and the tents
where once he chose to dwell.
- 61 To vile captivity his ark,
his glory to disdain,
62 His people to the sword he gave,
nor would his wrath restrain.
63 Destructive war their ablest youth
untimely did confound ;
No virgin was to th' altar led,
with nuptial garlands crown'd.
- 64 In fight the sacrificer fell,
the priest a victim bled ;
And widows who their death should mourn,
themselves of grief were dead.
- 65 Then as a giant rous'd from sleep,
whom wine had thoroughly warm'd,
Shouts out aloud ; the Lord awak'd,
and his proud foe alarm'd.

66 He

- 66 He smote their host, that from the field
 a scatter'd remnant came,
 With wounds imprinted on their backs
 of everlasting shame.
- 67 With conquests crown'd he Joseph's tents
 and Ephraim's tribe forsook ;
- 68 But Judah chose, and Sion's mount
 for his lov'd dwelling took.
- 69 His temple he erected there,
 with spires exalted high :
 While deep and fix'd as that of earth
 the strong foundations lie.
- 70 His faithful servant David too,
 he for his choice did own,
 And from the sheepfolds him advanc'd
 to sit on Judah's throne.
- 71 From tending on the teeming ewes,
 he brought him forth to feed,
 His own inheritance the tribes
 of Isr'el's chosen seed.
- 72 Exalted thus the monarch prov'd
 a faithful shepherd still ;
 He fed them with an upright heart,
 and guided them with skill.

P S A L M LXXIX.

- 1 **B**EHOLD, O God, how heathen hosts
 have thy possession seiz'd !
 Thy sacred house they have defil'd,
 thy holy city raz'd.
- 2 The mangled bodies of thy saints,
 abroad unburied lay ;
 Their flesh expos'd to savage beasts,
 and rav'nous birds of prey.

- 3 Quite thro' Jerus'lem was their blood
like common water shed ;
And none were left alive to pay
last duties to the dead.
- 3 The neigh'bring lands our small remains
with loud reproaches wound ;
And we a laughing stock are made
to all the nations round.
- 5 How long wilt thou be angry, Lord,
must we for ever mourn ?
Shall thy devouring jealous rage,
like fire forever burn ?
- 6 On foreign lands that know not thee,
thy heavy vengeance shew'r ;
Those sinful kingdoms let it crush,
that have not own'd thy pow'r.
- 7 For their devouring jaws have prey'd
on Jacob's chosen race ;
And to a barren desert turn'd
their fruitful dwelling-place.
- 8 O think not on our former sins,
but speedily prevent
The utter ruin of thy saints,
almost with sorrow spent !
- 9 Thou God of our salvation, help,
and free our souls from blame ;
So shall our pardon and defence
exalt thy glorious name.
- 10 Let infidels, that scoffing say,
" where is the God they boast ?"
In vengeance for thy slaughter'd saints,
perceive thee to their cost.

11 Lord, hear the sighing pris'ners moans,
thy saving pow'r extend ;

Preserve the wretches doom'd to die,
from that untimely end,

12 On them, who us oppress, let all
our suff'rings be repaid :

Make their confusion seven times more
than what on us they laid.

13 So we thy people and thy flock,
shall ever praise thy name ;

And with glad hearts our grateful thanks
from age to age proclaim.

P S A L M LXXX.

1 **O** Isr'el's shepherd, Joseph's guide,
Our pray'rs to thee vouchsafe to hear;
Thou that dost on the cherubs ride,
Again in solemn state appear.

2 Behold how Benjamin expects,
With Ephraim and Manasseh join'd,
In our deliv'rance, the affects
Of thy resistless strength to find.

3 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
The lustre of thy face display ;
And all the ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd clouds shall pass away.

4 O thou, whom heav'nly hosts obey,
How long shall thy fierce anger burn ?
How long thy suff'ring people pray,
And to their pray'rs have no return ?

5 When hungry, we are forc'd to drench
Our scanty food in floods of woe ;
When dry, our raging thirst we quench
With streams of tears that largely flow.

6 For us the heathen nations round,
As for a common prey, conteit :
Our foes with spiteful joy abound,
And at our lost condition jest.

7 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
The lustre of thy face display,
And all the ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd clouds shall pass away.

P A R T II.

8 Thou brought'st a vine from Egypt's land ;
And casting out the heathen race,
Didst plant it with thine own right hand,
And firmly fix'd it in their place.

9 Before it thou prepar'dst the way,
And mad'st it take a lasting root,
Which, bless'd with thy indulgent ray,
O'er all the land did widely shoot.

10, 11 The hills were cover'd with its shade,
Its goodly boughs did cedars seem :
Its branches to the sea were spread,
And reach'd to proud Euphrates stream.

12 Why then hast thou its hedge o'erthrown,
Which thou hast made so firm and strong ?
Whilst all its grapes, defenceless grown,
Are pluck'd by those that pass along.

13 See how the bristling forest boar
With dreadful fury lays it waste !
Hark ! how the savage monsters roar,
And to their helpless prey make haste.

P A R T III.

14 To thee, O God of hosts, we pray.
Thy wonted goodness, Lord, renew ;

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From heav'n thy throne this vine survey,
And her sad state with pity view.

15 Behold the vineyard, made by thee,
Which thy right hand did guard so long ;
And keep that branch from danger free,
Which for thyself thou mad'st so strong.

16 To wasting flames 'tis made a prey,
And all its spreading boughs cut down ;
At thy rebuke they soon decay,
And perish at thy dreadful frown.

17 Crown thou the king with good success,
By thy right hand secur'd from wrong :
The son of man in mercy bless,
Whom for thyself thou mad'st so strong.

18 So shall we still continue free,
From whatsoe'er deserves thy blame ;
And if once more reviv'd by thee,
Will always praise thy holy name.

19 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
The lustre of thy face display,
And all the ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd clouds shall pass away.

P S A L M LXXXI.

1 **T**O God, our never failing strength,
with loud applauses sing :
And jointly make a chearful noise
to Jacob's awful king.

2 Compose a hymn of praise, and touch
your instruments of joy ;
Let psalteries and pleasant harps,
your grateful skill employ.

- 3 Let trumpets at the great new moon
their joyful voices raise,
To celebrate th' appointed time,
the solemn day of praise.
- 4 For this a statute was of old,
which Jacob's God decreed,
To be with pious care observ'd
by Isr'el's chosen seed.
- 5 This, he for a memorial fix'd,
when freed from Egypt's land ;
Strange nations barb'rous speech we heard,
but could not understand.
- 6 Your burthen'd shoulders I reliev'd,
(thus seem'd our God to say)
Your servile hands by me were freed
from lab'ring in the clay.
- 7 Your ancestors, with wrongs oppress'd,
to me for aid did call :
With pity I their suff'rings saw,
and set them free from all.
They fought for me, and from the cloud
in thunder I reply'd :
At Meribah's contentious stream
their faith and duty try'd.

P A R T II.

- 8 While I my solemn will declare,
my chosen people hear :
If thou, O Isr'el, to my words
wilt lend thy list'ning ear ;
- 9 Then shall no God besides myself
within thy coasts be found :
Nor shalt thou worship any God
of all the nations round.

10 The Lord thy God am I, who thee
brought forth from Egypt's land :
'Tis I, that all thy just desires
supply with lib'ral hand.

11 But they, my chosen race refus'd
to hearken to my voice ;
Nor would rebellious Isr'el's sons
make me their happy choice.

12 So I provok'd, resign'd them up,
to ev'ry lust a prey ;
And in their own perverse designs
permitted them to stray.

13 O that my people wisely would
my just commandments heed !
And Isr'el in my righteous ways
with pious care proceed.

14 Then should my heavy judgments fall
on all that them oppose ;
And my avenging hand be turn'd
against their num'rous foes.

15 Their enemies and mine should all
before my footstool bend :
But as for them, their happy state
should never know an end.

16 All parts with plenty should abound !
with finest wheat their field :
'The barren rocks, to please their taste,
should richest honey yield.

P S A L M LXXXII.

1 **G**OD in the great assembly stands,
where his impartial eye
In state surveys the earthly Gods,
and does their judgments try.

2, 3 How dare ye then unjustly judge,
or be to sinners kind ?

Defend the Orphans, and the Poor,
let such your justice find.

4 Protect the humble helpless man,
reduc'd to deep distress,

And let not him become a prey
to such as would oppress.

5 They neither know, nor will they learn,
but blindly rove and stray :

Justice and truth, the world's support,
thro' all the land decay.

6 Well then might God in anger say,
“ I've call'd you by my name :

“ I've said y' are God's, the sons and heirs;
“ of my immortal fame ;

7 “ But ne'ertheless your unjust deeds
“ to strict account I'll call :

“ You all shall die like common men,
“ like other tyrants fall.”

8 Arise, and thy just judgments, Lord,
throughout the earth display ;

And all the nations of the world
shall own thy righteous sway.

P S A L M LXXXIII.

1 **H**OLD not thy peace, O Lord our God,
no longer silent be ;

Nor with consenting quiet looks
our ruin calmly see !

2 For lo ! the tumults of thy foes
o'er all the land are spread ;

And they, which hate thy saints and thee,
lift up their threat'ning head.

3 Against

3 Against thy zealous people, Lord,
they craftily combine :

And to destroy thy chosen saints
have laid their close designs.

4 "Come let us cut them off, say they,
"their nation quite deface ;
"That no remembrance may remain
of Isr'el's hated race."

5 Thus they against thy people's peace,
consult with one consent :

And diff'ring nations jointly leagu'd
their common malice vent.

6 The Ishm'elites that dwell in tents,
with warlike Edom join'd ;

And Moab's sons our ruin vow,
with Hagar's race combin'd.

7 Proud Ammon's offspring, Gebal too
with Amelck conspire :

The Lords of Palestine, and all
the wealthy sons of Tyre.

8 All these the strong Assyrian king
their firm Ally have got ;

Who with a pow'rful army aids
th' incestuous race of Lot.

P A R T II.

9 But let such vengeance come to them,
as once to Median came ;

To Jabin and proud Sisera,
at Kishon's fatal stream.

10 When thy right hand their num'rous
near Endor did confound, [hosts

And left their carcasses for dung
to feed the hungry ground.

Y^e Let all their mighty men the fate
of Zeb and Oreb share :

As Zeba and Zalmunnah, so
let all their princes fare.

12 Who, with the same design inspir'd,
thus vainly boasting spake,

“ In firm possession for ourselves
“ let us God's houses take.

13 To ruin let them haste, like wheels
which downward swiftly move :

Like chaff before the winds, let all
their scatter'd forces prove.

14, 15 As flames consume drywood or heath
that on parch'd mountains grows,

So let thy fierce pursuing wrath
with terror strike thy foes.

16, 17 Lord, shroud their faces with disgrace,
that they may own thy name :

Or them confound, whose harden'd hearts
thy gentler means disclaim.

18 So shall the wond'ring world confess
that thou who claim'st alone

Jehovah's name, o'er all the earth
hast rais'd thy lofty throne.

P S A L M LXXXIV.

1 **O** God of hosts, the mighty Lord,
how lovely is the place,

Where thou, enthron'd in glory, shewst
the brightness of thy face !

2 My longing soul faints with desire,
to view thy blest abode :

My panting heart and flesh cry out
for thee the living God.

3 The birds, more happy far than I,
around thy temple throng ;

Securely there they build, and there
securely hatch their young.

4 O Lord of hosts, my king and God,
how highly blest are they,

Who in thy temple always dwell,
and there thy praise display !

5 Thrice happy they whose choice has thee
their sure protection made,

Who long to tread the sacred ways
that to thy dwelling lead !

6 Who pass thro' Baca's thirsty vale,
yet no refreshment want :

Their pools are fill'd with rain, which thou
at their request dost grant.

7 Thus they proceed from strength to strength
and still approach more near ;

'Till all on Sion's holy mount
before their God appear.

8 O Lord, the mighty God of hosts,
my just requests regard ;

Thou God of Jacob, let my pray'r
be still with favour heard.

9 Behold, O God, for thou alone
can'st timely aid dispense :

On thy anointed servant look,
be thou his strong defence.

10 For in thy courts one single day
'tis better to attend,

Than, Lord, in any place besides
a thousand days to spend.

Much

Much rather in God's house will I
 the meanest Office take,
 Than in the wealthy tents of sin
 my pompous dwelling make.

11 For God who is our sun and shield,
 will grace and glory give ;
 And no good thing will he withhold
 from them that justly live.

12 Thou God, whom heav'nly hosts obey,
 how highly blest is he,
 Whose hope and trust securely plac'd,
 is still repos'd on thee !

P S A L M LXXXV.

1 **L**ORD, thou hast granted to thy land,
 the favours we implor'd,
 And faithful Jacob's captive race
 most graciously restor'd.

2, 3 Thy people's sins thou hast absolv'd,
 and all their guilt defac'd :
 Thou hast not let thy wrath flame on,
 nor thy fierce anger last.

4 O God our Saviour, all our hearts
 to thy obedience turn ;
 That, kindled by our former sins,
 Thy wrath no more may burn.

5, 6 For why should'st thou be angry still,
 and wrath so long retain ?
 Revive us, Lord, and let thy faints
 thy wonted comfort gain.

7 Thy gracious favour, Lord, display,
 which we have long implor'd ;
 And for thy wond'rous mercy's sake,
 thy wonted aid afford.

8 God's answer patiently I'll wait ;
 for he with glad success,
 (If they no more to folly turn)
 his mourning saints will bless.

9 To all that fear his holy name,
 his sure salvation's near ;
 And in its former happy state
 our nation shall appear.

10 For mercy now with truth is join'd ;
 and righteousness with peace,
 Like kind companions absent long,
 with friendly arms embrace.

11, 12 Truth from the earth shall spring, whilst
 shall streams of justice pour, [heav'n
 And God from whom all goodness flows,
 shall endless plenty show'r.

13 Before him righteousness shall march,
 and his just paths prepare ;
 Whilst we his holy steps pursue
 with constant zeal and care.

P S A L M LXXXVI.

1 **T**O my complaint, O Lord my God,
 thy gracious ear incline :
 Hear me distress'd, and destitute
 of all relief but thine ;

2 Do thou, O God preserve my soul,
 that does thy name adore :

Thy servant keep, and him, whose trust
 relies on thee, restore.

3 To me, who daily thee invoke,
 thy mercy, Lord, extend ;

4 Refresh thy servant's soul, whose hopes
 on thee alone depend.

5 Thou,

- 5 Thou, Lord, art good, not only good,
but prompt to pardon too,
Of plentiful mercy to all those,
who for thy mercy sue.
- 6 To my repeated humble pray'r,
O Lord, attentive be :
- 7 When troubled, I on thee will call,
for thou wilt answer me.
- 8 Among the God's there's none like thee,
O Lord, alone divine !
To thee as much inferior they,
as are their works to thine.
- 9 Therefore their great creator, thee,
the nations shall adore ;
Their long misguided pray'rs and praise
to thy blest name restore.
- 10 All shall confess thee great, and great
the wonders thou hast done !
Confess thee God, thee God supreme,
confess thee God alone.

P A R T II.

- 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I
from truth shall ne'er depart ;
In rev'rence to thy sacred name
devoutly fix my heart.
- 12 Thee will I praise, O Lord my God,
praise thee with heart sincere :
And to thy everlasting name
eternal trophies rear.
- 13 Thy boundless mercy shewn to me,
transcends my pow'r to tell,
For thou hast oft redeem'd my soul
from lowest depths of hell,

14 O God the sons of pride and strife
have my destruction sought,
Regardless of thy pow'r, that oft
has my deliv'rance wrought :

15 But thou thy constant goodness didst
to my assistance bring ;
Of patience, mercy, and of truth,
thou everlasting spring !

16 O bounteous Lord, the grace & strength,
to me thy servant show ;
Thy kind protection, Lord, on me,
thine handmaid's son bestow.

17 Some signal give, which my proud foe
may see with shame and rage,
When thou, O Lord, for my relief
and comfort dost engage.

P S A L M LXXXVII.

1 **G**OD's temple crowns the holy mount ;
the Lord there condescends to dwell ;

2 His Sion's Gates in his account
Our Iſr'el's faireſt tents excel.

3 Fame glorious things of thee ſhall ſing,
O city of th' almighty king !

4 I'll mention Rahab with due praiſe,
In Babylon's applauſes join,

The ſame of Ethiopia raiſe,
With that of Tyre and Paleſtine ;
And grant that ſome, amongſt them born,
Their age and country did adorn.

5 But ſtill of Sion I'll aver,
That many ſuch from her proceed ;
Th' almighty ſhall eſtabliſh her.

6 His gen'ral liſt ſhall ſhew, when read,
That

-That such a person there was born,
And such did such an age adorn.

7 He'll Sion find with numbers fill'd
Of such as merit high renown ;
For hand and voice musicians skill'd.

And (her transcending fame to crown)
Of such she shall successions bring
Like waters from a living spring.

P S A L M LXXXVIII.

1 **T**O thee my God and saviour, I
By day and night address my cry ;
2 Vouchsafe my mournful voice to hear,
To my distress incline thine ear :
3 For seas of trouble me invade.
My soul draws nigh to deaths cold shade.
4 Like one whose strength and hopes are fled,
They number me among the dead.

5 Like those, who shrouded in the grave,
From thee no more remembrance have ;
6 Cast off from thy sustaining care,
Down to the confines of despair.
7 Thy wrath has hard upon me lain,
Afflicting me with restless pain :
Me all thy mountain waves have prest,
Too weak, alas ! to bear the least.

8 Remov'd from friends I sigh alone,
In a loath'd dungeon laid, where none
A visit will vouchsafe to me,
Confin'd, past hopes of liberty.

9 My eyes from weeping never cease,
They waste, but still my griefs increase ;
Yet daily, Lord, to thee I've pray'd,
With out-stretch'd hands invok'd thy aid.

10 Wilt thou by miracle revive
 The dead, whom thou forfook'st alive ?
 From death restore thy praise to sing,
 Whom thou from prison would'st not bring ?
 11 Shall the mute grave thy love confess ?
 A mould'ring tomb thy faithfulness ?
 12 Thy truth and power renown obtain,
 Where darkness and oblivion reign ?

13 To thee, O Lord, I cry, forlorn;
 My pray'r prevents the early morn.
 14 Why hast thou, Lord, my soul forfook,
 Nor once vouchsaf'd a gracious look ?
 15 Prevailing sorrows bear me down,
 Which from my youth with me have grown;
 Thy terrors past distract my mind,
 And fears of blacker days behind.

16 Thy wrath hath burst upon my head,
 Thy terrors fill my soul with dread;
 17 Environ'd as with waves combin'd,
 And for a gen'ral deluge join'd.
 18 My lovers, friends, familiars, all
 Remov'd from sight, and out of call ;
 To dark oblivion all retir'd,
 Dead, or at least to me expir'd.

P S A L M LXXXIX.

1 **T**HY mercies, Lord, shall be my song,
 My song on them shall ever dwell :
 To ages yet unborn, my tongue
 Thy never-failing truth shall tell.
 2 I have affirm'd and still maintain,
 Thy mercy shall for ever last ;
 Thy truth that does the heav'ns sustain,
 Like them shall stand for ever fast.

3 Thou

3 Thus spak'st thou by thy prophets voice,
" With David I a league have made ;
" To him, my servant, and my choice,
" By solemn oath this grant convey'd ;
4 " While earth and seas, and skies endure,
" Thy seed shall in my sight remain ;
" To them thy throne I will ensure,
" They shall to endless ages reign."

5 For such stupendous truth and love,
Both heav'n and earth just praises owe,
By choirs of angels sung above,
And by assembled saints below.

6 What seraph of celestial birth
To vie with Isr'el's God shall dare ?
Or who among the Gods of earth,
With our almighty Lord compare ?

7 With rev'rence and religious dread,
His saints should to his temple press ;
His fear thro' all their hearts should spread,
Who his almighty name confess.

8 Lord God of armies, who can boast
Of strength or pow'r, like thine renoun'd ?
Of such a num'rous faithful host,
As that which does thy throne surround.

9 Thou dost the lawless sea controul,
And change the prospect of the deep ;
Thou mak'st the sleeping billows roll,
Thou mak'st the rolling billows sleep.

10 Thou brak'st in pieces Rahab's pride,
And did'st oppressing pow'r disarm :
Thy scatter'd foes have dearly try'd
The force of thy resistless arm.

11 In thee the sov'reign right remains
Of earth and heav'n ; thee, Lord alone
The world and all that it contains,
Their maker and preserver own.

12 The poles on which the globe doesrest,
where form'd by thy creating voice ;
Tabor and Hermon, east and west,
In thy sustaining pow'r rejoice.

13 Thy arm is mighty, strong thy hand,
Yet, Lord, thou dost with justice reign ;

14 Possess'd of absolute command,
Thou truth and mercy dost maintain.

15 Happy, thrice happy they, who hear
Thy sacred trumpet's joyful sound ;
Who may at festivals appear,
With thy most glorious presence crown'd.

16 Thy saints shall always be o'erjoy'd,
Who on thy sacred name rely ;

And in thy righteousness employ'd,
Above their foes be rais'd on high,

17 For in thy strength they shall advance,
Whose conquests from thy favour spring.

18 The Lord of host is our defence,
And Isr'el's God our Isr'el's king.

19 Thus spak'st thou by thy prophet's voice,
“ A mighty champion I will send.

“ From Judah's tribe have I made choice
Of one who shall the rest defend.

20 “ My servant David I have found,
“ With hoily oil anointed him ;

21 “ Him shall the hand support that crown'd,
“ And guard that gave the diadem,

22 “ No

22 "No prince from him shall tribute force,
 " No sons of strife shall him annoy ;
 23 " His spiteful foes I will disperse,
 " And them before his face destroy.
 24 " My truth and grace shall him sustain;
 " His armies in well order'd ranks,
 25 " Shall conquer from the Tyrian main
 " To Tigris and Euphrates banks.

26 " Me for his father he shall take,
 " His God and rock of safety call ;
 27 " Him I my first-born son will make,
 " And earthly kings his subjects all.
 28 " To him my mercy I'll secure,
 " My cov'nant make forever fast.
 29 " His seed forever shall endure,
 " His throne, till Heav'n dissolves shall last.

P A R T II.

30 " But if his heirs my law forsake ;
 " And from my sacred precepts stray ;
 31 " If they my righteous statutes break,
 " Nor strictly my commands obey ;
 32 " Their sins I'll visit with a rod,
 " And for their folly make them smart ;
 33 " Yet will not cease to be their God,
 " Nor from my truth, like them, depart.

34 " My cov'nant I will ne'er revoke,
 " But in remembrance fast retain ;
 " The thing that once my lips have spoke
 " Shall in eternal force remain,
 35 " Once have I sworn but once for all,
 " And made my holiness the tie,
 " That I my grant will ne'er recall,
 " Nor to my servant David lie.

36 "Whose throne and race the constant sun
"Shall, like his course, establish'd see :

37 "Of this my oath, thou conscions moon,
"In heav'n my faithful witness be."

38 "Such was thy gracious promise, Lord,
But thou hast now our tribes forsook,
'Thy own anointed hast abhor'd,
And turn'd on him thy wrathful look.

39 Thou seemest to have render'd void
'The cov'nant with thy servant made,
'Thou hast his dignity destroy'd,
And in the dust his honor laid.

40 Of strong holds thou hast him bereft,
And brought his bulwarks to decay ;

41 His frontier coasts defenceless left,
A public scorn, and common prey.

42 His ruin does glad triumphs yield
'To foes advanc'd by thee to might ;

43 'Thou hast his conqu'ring sword unsteel'd,
His valour turn'd to shameful flight.

44 His glory is to darkness fled,
His throne is levell'd with the ground :

45 His youth to wretched bondage led,
'With shame o'erwhelm'd and sorrow drown'd

46 How long shall we thy absence mourn ?
Wilt thou for ever, Lord, retire ?

Shall thy consuming anger burn
'Till that and we at once expire ?

47 Consider, Lord, how short a space
'Thou dost for mortal life ordain ;

No method to prolong the race,
But loading it with grief and pain.

48 What

48 What man is he that can controul
 Death's strict unalterable doom ?
 Or rescue from the grave his soul,
 The grave that must mankind entomb ?
 49 Lord, where's thy love, thy boundless
 'The oath to which thy truth did seal, [grace
 Consign'd to David and his race,
 'The grant which time should ne'er repeal ?
 50 See how thy servants treated are
 With infamy, reproach and spite ;
 Which in my silent breast I bear ;
 From nations of licentious might.
 51 How they, reproaching thy great name,
 Have made thy servant's hope their jest :
 52 Yet thy just praises we'll proclaim,
 And ever sing, the Lord be blest.

Amen, Amen.

P S A L M XC.

1 **O** LORD, the saviour and defence
 of us thy chosen race,
 From age to age thou still has been
 our sure abiding place.
 2 Before thou brought'st the mountains forth,
 or th' earth or world didst frame,
 Thou always wert the mighty God,
 and ever art the same :
 3 Thou turnest man, O Lord, to dust,
 of which he first was made ;
 And when thou speak'st the word, return,
 'tis instantly obey'd.
 3 For in thy sight a thousand years
 are like a day that's past,
 Or like a watch in dead of night,
 whose hours unminded waste.

5 Thou

5 Thou sweep'st us off as with a flood,
we vanish hence like dreams :

At first we grow like grass that feels
the sun's reviving beams :

6 But howsoever fresh and fair,
its morning beauty shows ;

'Tis all cut down and wither'd quite,
before the evening close.

7, 8 We by thine anger are consum'd,
and by thy wrath dismay'd ;

Our public crimes and secret sins
before thy sight are laid.

9 Beneath thy anger's sad effects
our drooping days we spend ;

Our unregarded years break off,
like tales that quickly end.

10 Our term of time is seventy years,
an age that few survive :

But if, with more than common strength,
to eighty we arrive ;

Yet then our boasted strength decays,
to sorrow turn'd and pain :

So soon the slender thread is cut,
and we no more remain.

P A R T II.

11 But who thy anger's dread effects
does, as he ought, revere ?

And yet thy wrath does fall or rise,
as more or less we fear.

12 So teach us, Lord, th' uncertain sum
of our short days to mind,

That to true wisdom all our hearts
may ever be inclin'd.

13 O to thy servants, Lord, return,
and speedily relent !

As we of our misdeeds, do thou
of our just doom repent.

14 To satisfy and cheer our souls,
thy early mercy send ;

That we may all our days to come,
in joy and comfort spend.

15 Let happy times with large amends
dry up our former tears,

Or equal at the least the term
of our afflicted years.

16 To all thy servants, Lord, let this
thy wond'rous work be known,

And to our offspring yet unborn,
thy glorious pow'r be shown.

17 Let thy bright rays upon us shine,
give thou our work success ;

The glorious work we have in hand
do thou vouchsafe to bless.

P S A L M XCI.

1 **H**E that has God his guardian made,
Shall, under the almighty's shade,
Secure and undisturb'd abide.

2 Thus to my soul, of him I'll say
He is my fortress and my stay,
My God in whom I will confide.

3 His tender love and watchful care
Shall free thee from the fowler's snare,
And from the noisome pestilence :

4 He over thee his wings shall spread,
And cover thy unguarded head ;

His truth shall be thy strong defence.

- 5 No terrors that surprize by night,
Shall thy undaunted courage fright,
Nor deadly shafts that fly by day ;
6 Nor plague, of unknown rise, that kills
In darkness, nor infectious ills
That in the hottest season flay.
- 7 A thousand at thy side shall die,
At thy right hand ten thousand lie,
While thy firm health untouch'd remains.
8 'Thou only shalt look on and see
The wicked's sad catastrophe,
And count the sinners mournful gains.
- 9 Because (with well-plac'd confidence)
Thou mak'st the Lord thy sure defence,
And on the highest dost rely ;
10 Therefore no ill shall thee befall,
Nor to thy healthful dwelling shall
Any infectious plague draw nigh.
- 11 For he throughout thy happy days
To keep thee safe in all thy ways,
Shall give his angels strict commands ;
12 And they, lest thou should'st chance to meet
With some rough stone to wound thy feet,
Shall bear thee safely in their hands.
- 13 Dragons and asps that thirst for blood,
And lions roaring for their food,
Beneath his conqu'ring feet shall lie.
14 Because he lov'd and honour'd me,
Therefore (says God) I'll set him free,
And fix his glorious throne on high.
- 15 He'll call ; I'll answer when he calls,
And rescue him when ill befalls ;

Increase

Increase his honor and his wealth :
16 And when, with undisturb'd content,
His long and happy life is spent,
His end I'll crown with saving health.

P S A L M XCII.

1 **H**OW good and pleasant must it be
to thank the Lord most high ;
And with repeated hymns of praise,
his name to magnify.

2 With ev'ry morning's early dawn,
his goodness to relate ;
And of his constant truth each night
the glad effects repeat.

3 To ten string'd instruments we'll sing,
with tuneful psalteries join'd,
And to the harp, with solemn sounds,
for sacred use design'd.

4 For thro' thy wond'rous works, O Lord,
thou mak'st my heart rejoice ;
The thoughts of them shall make me glad,
and shout with chearful voice.

5, 6 How wond'rous are thy works, O Lord !
how deep are thy decrees !
Whose winding tracts, in secret laid,
no stupid sinner sees.

7 He little thinks, when wicked men,
like grass look fresh and gay ;
How soon their short-liv'd splendor must
for ever pass away.

8, 9 But thou, my God, art still most high ;
and all thy lofty foes,
Who thought they might securely sin,
shall be o'erwhelm'd with woes.

10 Whilst

10 Whilst thou exalt'st my sov'reign pow'r,
and mak'st it largely spread ;
And with refreshing oil anoin'st
my consecrated head.

11 I soon shall see my stubborn foes
to utter ruin brought ;
And hear the dismal end of those,
who have against me fought.

12 But righteous men, like fruitful palms,
shall make a glorious show ;
As cedars that on Lebanon
in stately order grow.

13, 14 These, planted in the house of God,
within his courts shall thrive :
Their vigour and their lustre both
shall in old age revive :

15 Thus will the Lord his justice shew ;
and God, my strong defence,
Shall due rewards to all the world
impartially dispense.

P S A L M XCIII.

With glory glad, with strength array'd
The Lord, that o'er all nations reigns,
The world's foundations strongly laid,
And the vast fabrick still sustains.

2 How surely stablish'd is thy throne !
Which shall no change or period see ;
For thou, O Lord, and thou alone
Art God from all eternity.

3, 4 The floods, O Lord, lift up their voice,
And toss the troubled waves on high ;
But God above can still their noise,
And make the angry sea comply.

5 Thy

5 Thy promise, Lord, is ever sure,
 And they, that in thy house would dwell,
 That happy station to secure,
 Must still in holiness excel.

P S A L M XCIV.

1 **O** GOD, to whom revenge belongs,
 2 thy vengeance now disclose ;
 Arise, thou judge of all the earth,
 and crush thy haughty foes,

3, 4 How long O Lord, shall sinful men
 their solemn triumphs make ?
 How long their wicked actions boast,
 and insolently speak ?

5, 6 Not only they thy saints oppress,
 but unprovok'd they spill
 The widow's and the stranger's blood,
 and helpless orphans kill.

7 " And yet the Lord shall ne'er perceive,
 (prophanely thus they speak)
 " Nor any notice of our deeds
 " the God of Jacob take."

8 At length, ye stupid fools, your wants
 endeavour to discern :
 In folly will you still proceed,
 and wisdom never learn ?

9, 10 Can he be deaf who form'd the ear,
 or blind who fram'd the eye ?
 Shall earth's great judge not punish those,
 who his known will defy ?

11 He fathoms all the thoughts of men,
 to him their hearts lie bear ;
 His eye surveys them all, and sees
 how vain their counsels are.

P A R T II.

12 Blest is the man whom thou, O Lord,
in kindness dost chastise,
And by thy sacred rules to walk
do'st lovingly advise.

13 This man shall rest and safety find
in seasons of distress;
Whilst God prepares a pit for those,
that stubbornly transgress.

13 For God will never from his saints
his favour wholly take :
His own possession and his lot,
he will not quite forsake.

15 The world shall then confess thee just
in all that thou hast done :
And those that chuse thy upright ways,
shall in those paths go on.

16 Who will appear in my behalf,
(when wicked men invade)

Or who, when sinners would oppress,
my righteous cause shall plead ?

17, 18, 19 Long since had I in silence slept,
but that the Lord was near,
To stay me when I slip ; when sad,
my troubled heart to cheer.

20 Wilt thou, who art a God most just,
their sinful throne sustain,
Who make the law a fair pretence
their wicked ends to gain ?

21 Against the lives of righteous men
they form their close design ;
And blood of innocents to spill,
in solemn league combine.

- 22 But my defence is firmly plac'd
in God the Lord most high :
He is my rock, to which I may
for refuge always fly.
- 23 The Lord shall cause their ill designs
on their own heads to fall :
He in their sins shall cut them off,
our God shall slay them all.

P S A L M XCV.

- 1 **O** Come, loud anthems let us sing,
Loud thanks to our almighty king,
For we our voices high should raise,
When our salvation's rock we praise.
- 2 Into his presence let us haste,
To thank him for his favours past ;
To him address in joyful songs,
The praise that to his name belongs.
- 3 For God the Lord, enthron'd in state,
Is, with unrival'd glory, great :
A king superior far to all,
Whom by his title God we call.
- 4 The depths of earth are in his hand,
Her secret wealth at his command ;
The strength of hills, that threat the skies,
Subjected to his empire lies.
- 5 The rolling ocean's vast abyfs
By the same sov'reign right is his :
'Tis mov'd by his almighty hand,
That form'd and fix'd the solid land.
- 6 O let us to his courts repair,
And bow with adoration there :
Down on our knees devoutly all
Before the Lord our maker fall.

7 For he's our God, our shepherd he,
 His flock and pasture sheep are we.
 If then you'll (like his flock) draw near,
 To-day if you his voice will hear;
 8 Let not your harden'd hearts renew
 Your father's crimes and judgments too;
 Nor here provoke my wrath, as they
 In desert plains of Meribah !

9 When thro' the wilderness they mov'd,
 And me with fresh temptations prov'd :
 'They still through unbelief, rebell'd,
 While they my wond'rous works beheld.
 10, 11 'They forty years my patience griev'd,
 'Tho' daily I their wants reliev'd.
 'Then——'tis a faithless race I said,
 Whose heart from me has always stray'd ;
 They ne'er will tread my righteous path :
 'Therefore to them in settled wrath,
 Since they despis'd my rest I swear,
 That they should never enter there.

P S A L M XCVI.

1 **S**ING to the Lord a new-made song ;
 Let earth in one assembled throng,
 Her common patron's praise resound.
 2 Sing to the Lord, and bless his name,
 From day to day his praise proclaim,
 Who us has with salvation crown'd.
 3 To heathen lands his fame rehearse,
 His wonders to the universe.

4 He's great and greatly to be prais'd ;
 In majesty and glory rais'd
 Above all other deities.

5 For pageantry and idols all

Are

Are they whom Gods the heathen call ;
He only rules, who made the skies.

6 With majesty and honor crown'd,
Beauty and strength his throne furround ;

7 Be therefore both to him restor'd
By you, who have false Gods ador'd,
Ascribe due honor to his name ;

8 Peace-off'rings on his altar lay,
Before his throne your homage pay,
Which he, and he alone can claim.

9 To worship at his sacred court,
Let all the trembling world resort.

10 Proclaim aloud, Jehovah reigns,
Whose power the universe sustains,
And banish'd justice will restore.

11 Let therefore heav'n new joys confess,
And heav'nly mirth let earth express ;
Its loud applause the ocean roar,
Its mute inhabitants rejoice,
And for this triumph find a Voice.

12 For joy-let fertile valleys sing.
The chearful groves their tribute bring ;
The tuneful choir of birds awake,

13 The Lord's approach to celebrate,
Who now sets out with awful state,
His circuit through the earth to take.

From heav'n to judge the world he's come
With justice to reward and doom.

P S A L M XCVII.

1 **J**EHOVAH reigns, let all the earth
In his just government rejoice ;
Let all the isles with sacred mirth,
In his applause unite their voice.

2 Darknes and clouds of awful shade
His dazling glory shroud in state ;
Justice and truth his guards are made,
And fix'd by his pavilion wait.

3 Devouring fire before his face
His foes around with vengeance struck ;
4 His lightnings set the world on blaze ;
Earth saw it and with terror shook.

5 The proudest hills his presence felt,
Their height nor strength could help afford,
The proudest hills like wax did melt
In presence of th' almighty Lord.

6 The heav'ns his righteoufness to show,
With storms of fire our foes pursu'd ;
And all the trembling world below,
Have his descending glory view'd.

7 Confounded be their impious host,
Who make the Gods to whom they pray :
All who of pageant idols boast ;
To him, ye Gods, your worship pay.

8 Glad Sion of thy triumph heard,
And Judah's daughters were o'erjoy'd ;
Because thy righteous judgments, Lord,
Have pagan pride and pow'r destroy'd.

9 For thou, O God, art seated high,
Above earth's potentates enthron'd :
Thou, Lord, unrival'd in the sky,
Supreme by all the Gods art own'd.

10 You, who to serve this Lord aspire,
Abhor what's ill, and truth esteem :
He'll keep his servants souls entire,
And them from wicked hands redeem.

11 For seeds are sown of glorious light,
A future harvest for the just ;
And gladness for the heart upright,
To recompence its pious trust.

12 Rejoice, ye righteous, in the Lord ;
Memorials of his holiness,
Deep in your faithful breasts record,
And with your thankful tongues confess.

P S A L M XCVIII.

1 **S**ing to the Lord a new-made song,
Who wond'rous things has done :
With his right hand and holy arm,
The conquest he has won.

2 The Lord has through th'astonish'd world
display'd his saving might,
And made his righteous acts appear
in all the heathen's fight.

3 Of Isr'el's house, his love and truth
have ever mindful been ;
Wide earth's remotest parts the pow'r
of Isr'el's God have seen.

4 Let therefore earth's inhabitants
their chearful voices raise,
And all with universal joy,
resound their maker's praise.

5 With harps and hymns soft melody,
into the consort bring,

6 The trumpet and shrill cornet's sound
before th' almighty king.

7 Let the loud ocean roar her joy,
with all the seas contain ;

The earth and her inhabitants
join consort with the main.

- 8 With joy let riv'lets swell to streams,
to spreading torrents they;
And ecchoing vales, from hill to hill,
redoubled shouts convey;
9 To welcome down the world's great judge,
who does with justice come,
And with impartial equity,
both to reward and doom.

P S A L M XCIX.

- 1 **J**EHOVAH reigns, let therefore all
the guilty nations quake;
On cherub's wings he sits enthron'd;
let earth's foundations shake.
2 On Sion's hill he keeps his court,
his palace makes her tow'rs;
Yet thence his sov'reignty extends
supreme o'er earthly pow'rs.
3 Let therefore all with praise address
his great and dreadful name,
And with his unresisted might
his holiness proclaim.
4 For truth and justice in his reign,
of strength and pow'r take place:
His judgments are with righteousness
dispens'd to Jacob's race.
5 Therefore exalt the Lord our God,
before his footstool fall;
And with his unresisted might
his holiness extol.
6 Moses and Aaron thus of old,
amongst his priests ador'd;
Amongst his prophets Samuel thus
his sacred name implor'd;

Distress'd,

Distress'd, upon the Lord they call'd,
who ne'er their suit deny'd ;

But, as with rev'rence they implor'd,
He graciously reply'd.

7 For with their camp, to guide their march
the cloudy pillar mov'd :

They kept his laws, and to his will
obedient servants prov'd.

8 He answer'd them, forgiving off
his people for their sake ;

And those, who rashly them oppos'd,
did sad examples make.

9 With worship at his sacred courts
exalt our God and Lord ;

For he, who only holy is,
alone should be ador'd.

P S A L M C.

1 **W**ITH one consent let all the earth
2 To God their chearful voices raise ;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before him songs of praise.

3 Convinc'd that he is God alone,
From whom both we and all proceed ;
We, whom he chuses for his own,
The flock which he vouchsafes to feed.

4 O enter then his temple gate,
'Thence to his courts devoutly press,
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still his name with praises bless.

5 For he's the Lord supremely good,
His mercy is for ever sure ;
His truth, which all times firmly stood,
To endless a shall endure.

P S A L M CI.

- 1 **O**F mercy's never-failing spring,
And stedfast judgment I will sing ;
And since they both to thee belong,
To thee, O Lord, address my song.
- 2 When, Lord, thou shalt with me reside,
Wise discipline my reign shall guide ;
With blameless life myself I'll make
A pattern for my court to take.
- 3 No ill design will I pursue,
Nor those my fav'rites make that do
- 4 Who to reproof has no regard,
Him will I totally discard.
- 5 The private slanderer shall be
In public justice doom'd by me :
From haughty looks I'll turn aside,
And mortify the heart of pride.
- 6 But honesty, call'd from her cell,
In splendor at my court shall dwell :
Who virtue's practice make their care,
Shall have the first preferments there.
- 7 No politicks shall recommend
His countries foe to be my friend :
None e'er shall to my favor rise
By flatt'ring and malicious lies.
- 8 All those who wicked courses take,
An early sacrifice I'll make ;
Cut off, destroy, 'till none remain
God's holy city to prophane.

P S A L M CII.

- 1 **W**HEN I pour out my soul in pray'r,
do thou, O Lord, attend ;
To thy eternal throne of grace
let my sad cry ascend..

- 2 O hide not thou thy glorious face
in times of deep distress :
Incline thine ear, and when I call,
my sorrow soon redress.
- 3 Each cloudy portion of my life
like scatter'd smoke expires ;
My shrivel'd bones are like a hearth,
that's parch'd with constant fires.
- 4 My heart like grass that feels the blast
of some infectious wind,
Does languish so with grief, that scarce
my needful food I mind.
- 5 By reason of my sad estate
I spend my breath in groans ;
My flesh is worn away, my skin
scarce hides my starting bones.
- 6 I'm like a pelican become,
that does in desarts mourn :
Or like an owl that sits all day
on barren trees forlorn.
- 7 In watchings or in restless dreams
the night by me is spent,
As by those solitary birds,
that lonesome roofs frequent.
- 8 All day by railing foes I'm made
the subject of their scorn ;
Who all possess'd with furious rage,
have my destruction sworn.
- 9 When grov'ling on the ground I lie,
oppress'd with grief and fears,
My bread it strew'd with ashes o'er,
my drink is mix'd with tears.

10 Because on me with double weight
thy heavy wrath doth lie :
For thou to make my fall more great,
didst lift me up on high.

11 My days just hast'ning to their end,
are like an ev'ning shade :
My beauty does, like wither'd grafs,
with waning lustre fade.

12 But thy eternal state, O Lord,
no length of time shall waste :
The mem'ry of thy wond'rous works,
from age to age shall last.

13 Thou shalt arise, and Sion view
with an unclouded face :
For now her time, is come, thy own
appointed day of grace.

14 Her scatter'd ruins by thy saints
with pity are survey'd :
They grieve to see her lofty spires
in dust and rubbish laid.

15, 16 The name and glory of the Lord
all heathen kings shall fear ;
When he shall Sion build again,
and in full state appear.

17, 18 When he regards the poor's request,
nor slights their earnest pray'r ;
Our sons for this recorded grace,
shall his just praise declare.

19 For God from his abode on high,
his gracious beams display'd ;
The Lord, from heav'n, his lofty throne,
hath all the earth survey'd.

- 20 He listen'd to the captives moans,
he heard their mournful cry,
And freed by his resistless pow'r,
the wretches doom'd to die.
- 21 That they in Sion, where he dwells,
might celebrate his fame,
And through the holy city sing
loud praises to his name.
- 22 When all the tribes assembling there,
their solemn vows address,
And neighb'ring lands with glad consent
the Lord their God confess.
- 23 But e'er my race is run, my strength
through his fierce wrath decays ;
He has, when all my wishes bloom'd,
cut short my hopeful days.
- 24 Lord, end not thou my life, said I,
When half is scarcely past :
Thy years from worldly changes free
to endless ages last.
- 25 The strong foundations of the earth
of old by thee were laid ;
Thy hands, the beautiful arch of heav'n
with wond'rous skill have made :
- 26, 27 Whilst thou for ever shalt endure,
they soon shall pass away ;
And like a garment often worn,
shall tarnish and decay.
- Like that, when thou ordain'st their change,
to thy command they bend ;
But thou continu'st still the same,
nor have thy years an end.

28 Thou to the children of thy saints,
 shall lasting quiet give ;
 Whose happy race securely fix'd,
 shall in thy presence live.

P S A L M CIII.

1 **M**Y soul, inspir'd with sacred love,
 2 God's holy name for ever bless :
 Of all his favors mindful prove,
 And still thy grateful thanks express.
 3, 4 'Tis he that all my sins forgives,
 And after sickness makes me sound ;
 From danger he my life retrieves,
 By him with grace and mercy crown'd.

5, 6 He with good things my mouth supplies,
 My vigor, eagle-like, renews :
 He, when the guiltless suff'rer cries,
 His foe with just revenge pursues.
 7 God made of old his righteous ways
 To Moses and our fathers known ;
 His works to his eternal praise,
 Were to the sons of Jacob shown.

8 The Lord abounds with tender love,
 And unexampled acts of grace ;
 His waken'd wrath does slowly move,
 His willing mercy flows apace.
 9, 10 God will not always harshly chide,
 But with his anger quickly part ;
 And loves his punishments to guide,
 More by his love than our desert.

21 As high as heav'n its arch extends
 Above this little spot of clay ;
 So much his boundless love transcends
 The small respects that we can pay.

12, 13 As far as 'tis from east to west,
So far has he our sins remov'd,
Who with a father's tender breast
Has such as fear'd him always lov'd.

14, 15 For God; who all our frame surveys,
Considers that we are but clay :
How fresh so'er we seem, our days
Like grass or flower's must fade away :
16, 17 Whilst they are ript with sudden blasts,
Nor can we find their former place ;
God's faithful mercy ever lasts,
To those that fear him, and their race..

18 This shall attend on such as still
Proceed in his appointed way ;
And who not only know his will,
But to it just obedience pay.
16, 20 The Lord, the universal king,
In heav'n has fix'd his lofty throne :
'Tò him, ye angles, praises sing,
In whose great strength his pow'r is shown.

Ye that his just commands obey,
And hear and 'dò his sacred will ;
21 Ye hosts of his this tribute pay,
Who still what he ordains fulfil.
22 Let ev'ry creature jointly bless
The mighty Lord : and thou, my heart,
With grateful joy thy thanks exprest,
And in this comfort bear thy part.

P S A L M CIV.

1 **B**LESS God, my soul ; thou, Lord, alone
Possessest empire without bounds,
With honor thou art crown'd, thy throne
Eternal majesty surrounds.

2. With

2 With light thou dost thyself enrobe,
And glory for a garment take :
Heavens curtains stretch beyond the globe,
Thy canopy of state to make.

3 God builds on liquid air and forms
His palace chambers in the skies ;
The clouds his chariots are, and storms
The swift-wing'd steeds with which he flies.

4 As bright as flame, as swift as wind,
His ministers heav'n's palace fill,
To have their fundry tasks assign'd :
All proud to serve their sov'reigns will.

5, 6 Earth on her centre fix'd he set,
Her face with waters overspread ;
Nor proudest mountains dar'd as yet,
To lift above the waves their head.

7 But when thy awful face appear'd,
Th' insulting waves dispers'd ; they fled,
When once thy thunder's voice they heard,
And by their haste confess'd their dread.

8 Thence up by secret tracks they creep,
And gushing from the mountain's side,
Thro' vallies travel to the deep,
Appointed to receive their tide.

9 There hast thou fix'd the ocean's bounds
The threatening surges to repel ;
That they no more o'erpass their bounds,
Nor to a second deluge swell.

P. A. R. T. II.

10 Yet thence in smaller parties drawn,
The sea recovers her lost hills ;
And starting springs from ev'ry lawn,
Surprize the vales with plenteous rills.

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11 The fields tame beasts are thither led,
Weary with labour, faint with drought ;
And asses on wild mountains bred,
Have sense to find these currents out.

12 There shady trees from scorching beams,
Yield shelter to the feather'd throng ;
They drink, and to the bounteous streams
Return the tribute of their song.

13 His rains from heav'n parch'd hills recruit
That soon transmit the liquid store ;
'Till earth is burthen'd with her fruit,
And nature's lap can hold no more.

14 Grass, for our cattle to devour,
He makes the growth of ev'ry field ;
Herbs for man's use, of various pow'r,
That either food or physick yield.

15 With cluster'd grapes he crowns the vine,
To cheer man's heart oppress'd with cares,
Gives oil that makes his face to shine ;
And corn, that wasted strength repairs.

P A R T III.

16 The trees of God, without the care
Or art of man, with sap are fed ;
The mountain cedar looks as fair,
As those in royal garden's bred.

17 Safe in the lofty cedar's arms
The wand'ers of the air may rest ;
The hospitable pine from harms
Protects the stork, her pious guest.

18 Wild goats the craggy rock ascend,
Its tow'ring heights their fortress make,
Whose cells in labyrinths extend,
Where feeble creatures refuge take.

19 The moon's inconstant aspect shows
 'Th' appointed seasons of the year;
 'Th' instructed sun his duty knows,
 His hours to rise and disappear.

20 Darkneſs he makes the earth to ſhroud,
 When forreſt beaſts ſecurely ſtray;
 Young lions roar their wants aloud
 To Providence that ſends them prey.
 22 They range all night, on ſlaughter bent,
 'Till ſummon'd by the riſing morn,
 'To ſkulk in dens, with one conſent,
 The conſcious ravagers return.

23 Forth to the tillage of his ſoil,
 The huſbandman ſecurely goes,
 Commencing with the ſun his toil,
 With him returns to his repoſe.

24 How various, Lord, thy works are found,
 For which thy wiſdom we adore!
 'The earth is with thy treasure crown'd,
 'Till nature's hand can graſp no more.

P A R T IV.

25 But ſtill, the vaſt unfathom'd main
 Of wonders a new ſcene ſupplies,
 Whoſe depths inhabitants contain,
 Of ev'ry form and ev'ry ſize.

26 Full-freighted ſhips from ev'ry port,
 There cut their unmoleſted way;
 Leviathan, whom there to ſport
 'Thou maſt, his compaſs there to play.

27 Theſe various troops of ſea and land,
 In ſoſt or common want agree:
 All wait on thy diſpenſing hand,
 And have their daily alms from thee.

28 They gather what thy stores disperse,
Without their trouble to provide :
Thou op'st thy hand, the universe,
The craving world is all supply'd.

29 Thou for a moment hid'st thy face,
The num'rous ranks of creatures mourn ;
Thou tak'st their breath, all nature's race
Forthwith to mother-earth return.

30 Again thou send'st thy spirit forth,
T' inspire the mass with vital seed ;
Nature's restor'd, and parent-earth
Smiles on her new-created breed.

31 Thus through successive ages stands
Firm fix'd thy providential care ;
Pleas'd with the work of thy own hands,
Thou dost the wastes of time repair.

32 One look of thine, one wrathful look,
Earth's panting breast with terror fills ;
One touch from thee, with clouds of smok
In darkness shrouds the proudest hills.

33 In praising God, while he prolongs
My breath, I will that breath employ ;

34 And join devotion to my songs
Sincere, as in him is my joy.

35 While sinners from earth's face are hurl'd,
My soul, praise thou his holy name,
Till with my song, the list'ning world
Join consort, and his praise proclaim.

P S A L M CV.

1 **O** Render thanks and bless the Lord,
invoke his sacred name ;
Acquaint the nations with his deeds,
his matchless deeds proclaim.

2 Sing

- 2 Sing to his praise, in lofty hymns-
his wond'rous works rehearse ;
Make them the theme of your discourse,
and subject of your verse.
- 3 Rejoice in his almighty name,
alone to be ador'd ;
And let their hearts o'erflow with joy,
that humbly seek the Lord.
- 4 Seek ye the Lord, his saving strength,
devoutly still implore ;
And where he's ever present, seek
his face for evermore.
- 5 The wonders that his hands have wrought,
keep thankfully in mind ;
The righteous statutes of his mouth,
and laws to us assign'd.
- 6 Know ye his servant Abr'am's seed,
and Jacob's chosen race,
- 7 He's still our God, his judgments still
throughout the earth take place.
- 8 His cov'nant he hath kept in mind
for num'rous ages past,
Which yet for thousand ages more,
in equal force shall last.
- 9 First sign'd to Abr'am, next by oath
to Isaac made secure :
- 10 To Jacob and his heirs a law
for ever to endure :
- 11 That Canaan's land should be their lot,
when yet but few they were :
- 12 But few in number, and those few
all friendless strangers there.

- 13 In pilgrimage, from realm to realm,
 securely they remov'd ;
 14 Whilst proudest monarchs for their sake,
 severely he reprov'd :
 15 " These mine anointed are, said he,
 " let none my servants wrong,
 " Nor treat the poorest prophet ill
 " that does to me belong."
 16 A dearth at last, by his command,
 did through the land prevail :
 Till corn, the chief support of life,
 sustaining corn did fail.
 17 But his indulgent providence
 had pious Joseph sent,
 Sold into Egypt, but their death
 who sold him to prevent.
 18 His feet with heavy chains were crush'd,
 with calumny his fame :
 19 'Till God's appointed time and word
 to his deliv'rance came.
 20 The king his sov'reign-order sent,
 and rescu'd him with speed ;
 Whom private malice had confin'd,
 the people's ruler freed
 21 His court, revenues, realms, were all
 subjected to his will ;
 22 His greatest princes to controul,
 and teach his statesmen skill.
 P A R T II.
 23 To Egypt then, invited guests,
 half-famish'd Isr'el came ;
 And Jacob held, by royal grant,
 the fertile soil of Ham.

24 Th' Almighty there with such increase
his people multiply'd,
'Till with their proud oppressors they
in strength and number vie'd ;

25 Their vast increase th' Egyptian hearts,
with jealous anger fir'd,
'Till they his servants to destroy
by treach'rous arts conspir'd.

26 His servant Moses then he sent,
his chosen Aaron too :

27 Impower'd with signs and miracles
to prove their mission true.

28 He call'd for darkness, darkness came,
nature his summons knew ;

29 Each stream and lake transform'd to
the wand'ring fishes flew. [blood,

30 In putrid floods throughout the land,
the pest of frogs was bred :

From noisome fens sent up to croak
at Pharoah's board and bed.

31 He gave the sign, and swarms of flies
came down in cloudy hosts ;

Whilst earth's enliven'd dust below,
bred lice through all their coasts.

32 He sent them batt'ring hail for rain,
and fire for cooling dew.

33 He smote their vines and forest plants,
and garden's pride o'erthrew.

34 He spake the word, and locusts came,
and caterpillars join'd ;

They prey'd upon the poor remains
the storm had left behind.

35 From

- 35 From trees to herbage they descend,
no verdant thing they spare ;
But like the naked fallow field,
leave all the pastures bare.
- 36 From fields to villages and towns,
commiffion'd vengeance flew,
One fatal ftroke their eldeft hopes
and ftrength of Egypt flew.
- 37 He brought his fervants forth, enrich'd
with Egypt's borrow'd wealth ;
And, what tranfcends all treasures elfe,
enrich'd with vig'rous health.
- 38 Egypt rejoyc'd, in hopes to find
her plagues with them remov'd ;
Taught dearly now to fear worfe ill,
by thofe already prov'd.
- 39 Their fhrouding canopy by day
a journeying cloud was fpread ;
A fiery pillar all the night
their defart marches led.
- 40 They long'd for flefh ; with ev'ning
He furnifh'd ev'ry tent : [quails
From heav'n's own granary, each morn,
the bread of angels fent.
- 41 He fmote the rock ; whose flinty breaft
pour'd forth a gushing tide,
Whofe flowing ftream, where'er they march'd
the defart's drought fupply'd.
- 42 For ftill he did on Abr'am's faith
and antient league reflect :
- 43 He brought his people forth with joy,
with triumph his elect.

44 Quite rooting out their heathen foes
 from Canaan's fertile soil,
 To them in cheap possession gave
 the fruit of others' toil :

45 That they his statutes might observe,
 his sacred laws obey.
 For benefits so vast, let us
 our songs of praise repay.

P S A L M CVI.

1 **O** Render thanks to God above,
 The fountain of eternal love ;
 Whose mercy firm through ages past
 Has stood, and shall forever last.

2 Who can his mighty deeds express,
 Not only vast, but numberless ?
 What mortal eloquence can raise,
 His tribute of immortal praise ?

3 Happy are they, and only they,
 Who from thy judgments never stray :
 Who know what's right ; not only so,
 But always practice what they know.

4 Extend to me that favor Lord,
 Thou to thy chosen dost afford :
 When thou return'st to set them free,
 Let thy salvation visit me.

5 O may I worthy prove to see
 Thy saints in full prosperity ;
 That I the joyful choir may join,
 And count thy people's triumph mine.

6 But ah ! can we expect such grace,
 Of parents vile, the viler race ;
 Who their misdeeds have acted o'er,
 And with new crimes increas'd the score ?

7 Ingrateful

7 Ingrateful ! they no longer thought
On all his works in Egypt wrought ;
The red sea they no sooner view'd,
But they their base distrust renew'd.

8 Yet he, to vindicate his name,
Once more to their deliv'rance came,
To make his sov'reign pow'r be known,
That he is God, and he alone.

9 To right and left, at his command,
The parting deep disclos'd her sand ;
Where firm and dry the passage lay,
As through some parch'd and desert way.

10 Thus rescu'd from their foes they were,
Who closely press'd upon their rear,

11 Whose rage pursu'd 'em to those waves,
That prov'd the rash pursuers graves.

12 The watry mountains sudden fall
O'erwhelm'd proud Pharoah, host and all.
This proof did stupid Isr'el move
To own God's truth, and praise his love.

P A R T II.

13 But soon these wonders they forgot,
And for his council waited not ;

14 But lusting in the wilderness,
Did him with fresh temptations press.

15 Strong food at their request he sent,
But made their sin their punishment.

16 Yet still his saints they did oppose,
The priest and prophet whom he chose.

17 But earth, the quarrel to decide,
Her vengeful jaws extended wide,
Rash Dathan to her centre drew,
With proud Abiram's factious crew.

18 The rest of those who did conspire
To kindle wild sedition's fire,
With all their impious train became
A prey to heav'n's devouring flame.

19 Near Horeb's mount a calf they made,
And to the molten image pray'd ;
20 Adoring what their hands did frame,
'They chang'd their glory to their shame.
21 Their God and favour they forgot,
And all his works in Egypt wrought ;
22 His signs in Ham's astonish'd coast,
And where proud Pharaoh's troops were lost.

23 Thus urg'd, his vengeful hand he rear'd,
But Moses in the breach appear'd ;
'The saint did for the rebels pray,
And turn'd heav'n's kindled wrath away.
24, 25 Yet they his pleasant land despis'd,
Nor his repeated promise priz'd,
Nor did th' almighty's voice obey ;
But when God said, go up, would stay.

26, 27 This seal'd their doom, without redress
'To perish in the wilderness ;
Or else to be by heathen hands
O'erthrown and scatter'd thro' the lands.

P A R T. III.

28 Yet unreclaim'd this stubborn race
Baal Peor's worship did embrace ;
Became his impious guests, and fed
On sacrifices to the dead.

29 Thus they persisted to provoke
God's vengeance to the final stroke.
'Tis come :—the deadly pest is come
'To execute their gen'ral doom.

30 But Phinehas fir'd with holy rage,
(Th' almighty's vengeance to assuage)
Did, by two bold offenders fall,

Th' atonement make that ransom'd all.

31 As him a heav'nly zeal had mov'd,
So heav'n the zealous act approv'd ;

To him confirming, and his race,
The priesthood he so well did grace.

32 At Meribah God's wrath they mov'd,
Who Moses for their sakes reprov'd ;

33 Whose patient soul they did provoke,
Till rashly the meek prophet spoke.

34 Nor when possess'd of Canaan's land,
Did they perform their Lord's command,
Nor his commission'd sword employ
The guilty nations to destroy.

35 Nor only spar'd the Pagan crew,
But mingling learnt their vices too ;

36 And worship to those idols paid,
Which them to fatal snares betray'd.

37, 38 To devil's they did sacrifice
Their children with relentless eyes ;
Approach'd their altars thro' a flood
Of their own sons and daughters blood.

No cheaper victims would appease
Canaan's remorseless deities ;
No blood her idols-reconcile,
But that which did the land defile.

P A R T IV.

39 Nor did these savage cruelties
The harden'd reprobates suffice ;
For after their hearts lusts they went,
And daily did new crimes invent.

40 But sins of such infernal hue
God's wrath against his people drew ;
'Till he, their once indulgent Lord,
His own inheritance abhor'd.

41 He them defenceless did expose
'To their insulting heathen foes ;
And made them on the triumphs wait,
Of those who bore them greatest hate.

42 Nor thus his indignation ceas'd ;
Their list of tyrants he increas'd,
'Till they, who God's mild sway declin'd,
Were made the vassals of mankind.

43 Yet, when distress'd they did repent,
His anger did as oft relent :

But freed, they did his wrath provoke,
Renew'd their sins, and he their yoke.

44 Nor yet implacable he prov'd,
Nor heard their wretched cries unmov'd ;

45 But did to mind his promise bring,
And mercy's inexhausted spring.

49 Compassion too he did impart,
Ev'n to their foes obdurate heart,
And pity for their suff'rings bred
In those who them to bondage led.

47 Still save us, Lord, and Isr'el's bands
Together bring from heathen lands ;
So to thy name our thanks we'll raise,
And ever triumph in thy praise.

48 Let Isr'el's God be ever bless'd,
His name eternally confess'd :

Let all his saints with full accord
Sing loud Amens.—Praise ye the Lord.

P S A L M

P S A L M CVII.

1 **T**O God your grateful voices raise,
 Who doth your daily patron prove;
 And let your never-ceasing praise
 Attend on his eternal love.

2, 3 Let those give thanks, whom he from
 Of proud oppressing foes releas'd; [bands,
 And brought them back from distant lands,
 From north and south, and west and east.

4, 5 Through lonely desert ways they went
 Nor cou'd a peopled city find:

'Till quite with thirst and hunger spent,
 Their fainting soul within them pin'd.

6 Then soon to God's indulgent ear
 Did they their mournful cry address;
 Who graciously vouchsaf'd to hear,
 And freed them from their deep distress.

9 From crooked paths he led them forth,
 And in the certain way did guide.

To wealthy towns of great resort,
 Where all their wants were well supply'd.

8 O then that all the earth, with me,
 Would God for this his goodness praise!
 And for the mighty works which he
 Throughout the wond'ring world displays!

9 For he from heav'n the sad estate
 Of longing souls with pity views;

To hungry souls that pant for meat,
 His goodness daily food renews.

P A R T II.

10 Some lie, with darkness compass'd round,
 In death's uncomfortable shade;

And with unweildy fetters bound,
 By pressing cares more heavy made.

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11, 12 Because

11, 12 Because God's council they defy'd
And lightly priz'd his holy word,
With these afflictions they were try'd :
They fell and none could help afford.

13 Then soon to God's indulgent ear
Did they their mournful cry address ;
Who graciously vouchsaf'd to hear,
And freed them from their deep distress.
14 From dismal dungeons, dark as night,
And shades as black as death's abode,
He brought them forth to chearful light,
And welcome liberty bestow'd.

15 O then that all the earth, with me,
Would God for this his goodness praise !
And for the mighty works which he
Throughout the wond'ring world displays ;
16 For he with his almighty hand,
The gates of brass in pieces broke :
Nor could the massy bars withstand,
Or temper'd steel resist his stroke.

P A R T III.

17 Remorseless wretches, void of sense,
With bold transgressions God defy ;
And for their multiply'd offence,
Oppress'd with sore diseases lie :
18 Their soul, a prey to pain and fear,
Abhors to taste the choicest meats ;
And they by faint degrees draw near
To death's inhospitable gates.

19 Then strait to God's indulgent ear,
Do they their mournful cry address ;
Who graciously vouchsafes to hear,
And frees them from their distress.

20 He all their sad distempers heals,
His word both health and safety gives ;
And when all human succour fails,
From near destruction them retrieves.

21 O then that all the earth, with me,
Would God for this his goodness praise !
And for the mighty works which he
Throughout the wond'ring world displays ;
22 With off'rings let his altar flame,
Whilst they their grateful thanks express,
And with loud joy his holy name
For all his acts of wonder bless !

P A R T IV.

23, 24 They that in ships, with courage bold,
O'er swelling waves their trade pursue,
Do God's amazing works behold,
And in the deep his wonders view.
25 No sooner his command is past,
But forth the dreadful tempest flies,
Which sweeps the seas with rapid haste,
And makes the stormy billows raise.

26 Sometimes the ships toss'd up to heav'n,
On tops of mountain waves appear ;
Then down the steep abyss are driv'n,
Whilst ev'ry soul dissolves with fear.
27 They reel and stagger to and fro,
Like men with fumes of wine oppress'd ;
Nor do the skilful seamen know
Which way to steer, what course is best.

28 Then straight to God's indulgent ear
They do their mournful cry address ;
Who graciously vouchsafes to hear,
And frees them from their deep distress.

29, 30 He

29, 30 He does the raging storm appease,
And makes the billows calm and still ;
With joy they see their fury cease,
And their intended course fulfil.

31 O then that all the earth, with me,
Would God for this his goodness praise !
And for the mighty works which he
Throughout the wond'ring world displays !
32 Let them, where all the tribes resort,
Advance to heav'n his glorious name,
And in the elders sov'reign court
With one consent his praise proclaim !

P A R T V.

33, 34 A fruitful land, where streams abound,
God's just revenge, if people sin,
Will turn to dry and barren ground
To punish those that dwell therein.

35, 36 The parch'd and desert heath he makes
To flow with streams and springing wells,
Which for his lot the hungry takes,
And in strong cities safely dwells.

37, 38 He sows the field, the vineyard plants,
Which gratefully his toil repay ;
Nor can, whilst God his blessing grants,
His fruitful seed or stock decay.

39 But when his sins heav'n's wrath provoke
His health and substance fade away ;
He feels th' oppressors galling yoke,
And is of grief the wretched prey.

40 The prince that flights what God commands
Expos'd to scorn, must quit the throne ;
And over wild and desert lands,
Where no path offers, stray alone.

41 Whilst

41 Whilst God, from all afflicting cares,
Sets up the humble man on high ;
And makes in time his num'rous heirs
With his increasing flocks to vie.

42,43 'Then sinners shall have nought to say,
The just a decent joy shall show ;
The wise the strange events shall weigh,
And thence God's goodness fully know.

P S A L M CVIII.

1 **O** GOD, my heart is fully bent,
to magnify thy name ;
My tongue with chearful songs of praise
shall celebrate thy fame.

2 Awake, my lute ; nor thou, my harp
thy warbling notes delay ;
Whilst I with early hymns of joy
prevent the dawning day.

3 'To all the list'ning tribes, O Lord,
thy wonders I will tell,
And to those nations sing thy praise
that round about us dwell ;

4 Because thy mercy's boundless height
the highest heav'n transcends,
And far beyond th' aspiring clouds,
thy faithful truth extends.

5 Be thou, O God, exalted high
above the starry frame,
And let the world, with one consent,
confess thy glorious name.

6 That all thy chosen people thee
their saviour may declare ;
Let thy right hand protect me still,
and answer thou my pray'r.

7 Since God himself has said the word,
 whose promise cannot fail,
 With joy I Sichem will divide,
 and measure Succoth's vale ;
 8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh too,
 and Ephraim owns my cause :
 Their strength my regal pow'r supports,
 and Judah gives my laws.

9 Moab I'll make my servile drudge,
 on vanquish'd Edom tread ;
 *And through the proud Palestine lands,
 my conqu'ring banners spread.
 10 By whose support and aid shall I
 their well-fenc'd city gain ?
 Who will my troops securely lead
 thro' Edom's guarded plain ?

11 Lord, wilt not thou assist our arms,
 which late thou didst forsake ?
 And wilt not thou, of these our hosts,
 once more the guidance take ?
 12 O to thy servants in distress,
 thy speedy succour send ;
 For vain it is on human aid
 for safety to depend.

13 Then valiant acts shall we perform,
 if thou thy pow'r disclose ;
 For God it is, and God alone,
 that treads down all our foes

P S A L M CIX.

1 **O** GOD, whose former mercies make
 my constant praise thy due,
 Hold not thy peace, but my sad state
 with wonted favor view.

- 2 For sinful men with lying lips,
deceitful speeches frame,
And with their study'd flanders seek,
to wound my spotless fame.
- 3 Their restless hatred prompts them still
malicious lies to spread ;
And all against my life combine,
by causeless fury-led.
- 4 Those whom with tend'rest love I us'd,
my chief opposers are ;
Whilst I, of other friends bereft,
resort to thee by pray'r.
- 5 Since mischief, for the good I did,
their strange reward does prove ;
And hatred's the return they make
for undissembled love :
- 6 Their guilty leader shall be made
to some ill man a slave :
And when he's try'd, his mortal foe
for his accuser have.
- 7 His guilt, when sentence is pronounc'd,
shall meet a dreadful fate,
Whilst his rejected pray'r but serves
his crimes to aggravate.
- 8 He, snatch'd by some untimely fate,
shan't live out half his days :
Another by divine decree,
shall on his office seize.
- 9, 10 His seed shall orphans be, his wife
a widow plung'd in grief :
His vagrant children beg their bread,
where none can give relief.

11 His ill got riches shall be made
to usurers a prey ;
'The fruit of all his toil shall be
by strangers born away.

12 None shall be found that to his wants
their mercy will extend,
Or to his helpless orphan feed
the least assistance lend.

13 A swift destruction soon shall seize
on his unhappy race ;
And the next age his hated name
shall utterly deface.

14 'The vengeance of his father's sins,
upon his head shall fall ;
God on his mother's crimes shall think,
and punish him for all.

15 All these in horrid order rank'd,
before the Lord shall stand,
'Till his fierce anger quite cuts off
their mem'ry from the land.

P A R T II.

16 Because he never mercy shew'd,
but still the poor oppress'd ;
And sought to slay the helpless man,
with heavy woes distress'd.

17 Therefore the curse he lov'd to vent,
shall his own portion prove ;
And blessing, which he still abhor'd,
shall far from him remove.

18 Since he in cursing took such pride,
like water it shall spread
Thro' all his veins, and stick like oil
with which his bones are fed.

19 This,

- 19 This, like a poison'd robe, shall still
his constant cov'ring be ;
Or an envenom'd belt, from which
he never shall be free.
- 20 Thus shall the Lord reward all those,
that ill to me design ;
That with malicious tale reports
against my life combine.
- 21 But for thy glorious name, O God,
do thou deliver me ;
And for thy gracious mercy's sake,
preserve and set me free :
- 22 For I, to utmost straits reduc'd,
am void of all relief ;
My heart is wounded with distress,
and quite pierc'd thro' with grief.
- 23 I, like an ev'ning shade, decline,
which vanishes apace :
Like locusts up and down I'm toss'd,
and have no certain place.
- 24 25 My knees with fasting are grown
my body lank and lean ; [weak
All that behold me shake their heads,
and treat me with disdain.
- 26, 27 But for thy mercies sake, O Lord,
do thou my foes withstand ;
That all may see 'tis thy own act,
the work of thy right-hand.
- 28 Then let them curse, so thou but bless ;
let shame the portion be
Of all that my destruction seek,
while I rejoice in thee.

29 My foe shall with disgrace be cloath'd,
and spite of all his pride,
His own confusion, like a cloak,
the guilty wretch shall hide.

30 But I to God, in grateful thanks,
my chearful voice will raise ;
And where the great assembly meets,
set forth his noble praise.

31 For him the poor shall always find
their sure and constant friend ;
And he shall from unrighteous dooms
their guiltless souls defend.

P S A L M CX.

1 **T**HE Lord unto my Lord thus spake,
“ Till I thy foes thy footstool make,
“ Sit thou in state, at my right-hand :
2 “ Supreme in Sion thou shalt be,
“ And all thy proud oppressors see
“ Subjected to thy just command.

3 “ Thee, in thy pow'r's triumphant day,
“ The willing nations shall obey ;
“ And when thy rising beams they view,
“ Shall all (redeem'd from error's night)
“ Appear as numberless and bright
“ As crystal drops of morning dew.”

4 The Lord hath sworn, nor sworn in vain,
That like Melchisedech's, thy reign
And priesthood shall no period know :
5 No proud competitor to sit
At thy right-hand will he permit ;
But in his wrath crown'd heads o'erthrow.

6 The sentenc'd heathen he shall slay,
And fill with carcases his way,

Till

'Till he hath struck earth's tyrants dead ;
 7 But in the high-way brooks shall first,
 Like a poor pilgrim slake his thirst,
 And then in triumph raise his head.

P S A L M CXI.

1 **P**raise ye the Lord ; our God to praise
 My soul her utmost pow'rs shall raise,
 With private friends, and in the throng
 Of saints, his praise shall be my song.
 2 His works, for greatness tho' renown'd,
 His wond'rous works with ease are found
 By those who seek for them aright,
 And in the pious search delight.

3 His works are all of matchless fame,
 And universal glory claim ;
 His truth confirm'd thro' ages past,
 Shall to eternal ages last.

4 By precept he has us enjoin'd,
 'To keep his wond'rous works in mind
 And to posterity record,
 That good and gracious is our Lord.

5 His bounty, like a flowing tide,
 Has all his servant's wants supply'd ;
 And he will ever keep in mind,
 His cov'nant with our father's sign'd,

6 At once astonish'd and e'erjoy'd,
 They saw his matchless pow'r employ'd ;
 Whereby the heathen were suppress'd,
 And we their heritage possess'd.

7 Just are the dealings of his hands,
 Immutable are his commands,

8 By truth and equity sustain'd,
 And for eternal rules ordain'd,

9 He set his saints from bondage free,
And then establish'd his decree,
For ever to remain the same ;
Holy and rev'rend is his name.

10 Who wisdom's sacred prize would win,
Must with the fear of God begin ;
Immortal praise and heav'nly skill
Have they who know and do his will.

P S A L M CXII.

H A L L E L U J A H.

1 **T**HAT man is blest who stands in awe
Of God, and loves his sacred law :

2 His seed on earth shall be renown'd,
And with successive honours crown'd.

3 His house, the seat of wealth, shall be
An inexhausted treasury ;
His justice, free from all decay,
Shall blessings to his heirs convey.

4 The soul that's fill'd with virtue's light,
Shines brightest in affliction's night :
To pity the distress'd inclin'd,
As well as just to all mankind.

5 His lib'ral favours he extends,
To some he gives, to others lends :
Yet what his charity impairs,
He saves by prudence in affairs.

6 Beset with threaten'g dangers round ;
Unmov'd shall he maintain his ground ;
The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.

7 Ill tidings never can surprize
His heart that fix'd on God relies :

8 On safety's rock he sits, and sees
The shipwreck of his enemies.

9 His

9 His hands, while they his alms bestow'd
 His glory's future harvest sow'd,
 Whence he shall reap wealth, fame, renown,
 A temp'ral and eternal crown.
 10 The wicked shall his triumph see,
 And gnash their teeth in agony ;
 While their unrighteous hopes decay,
 And vanish with themselves away.

P S A L M CXIII.

1 **Y**E saints and servants of the Lord,
 'The triumphs of his name record ;
 2 His sacred name for ever bless.
 3 Where-e'er the circling sun displays
 His rising beams or setting rays,
 Due praise to his great name address.
 4 God thro' the world extends his sway ;
 'The regions of eternal day,
 But shadows of his glory are.
 5 To him, whose Majesty excels,
 Who made the heav'n in which he dwells,
 Let no created pow'r compare.
 6 Though 'tis beneath his state to view
 In highest heav'n what angels do,
 Yet he to earth vouchsafes his care :
 He takes the needy from his cell,
 Advancing him in courts to dwell,
 Companion to the greatest there.
 7 When childless families despair,
 He sends the blessing of an heir,
 To rescue their expiring name :
 Makes her that barren was to bear,
 And joyfully her fruit to rear :
 O then extol his matchless fame !

P S A L M CXIV.

WHEN Isr'el by th' almighty led,
 (Enrich'd with their oppressors spoil)
 From Egypt march'd, and Jacob's seed
 From bondage in a foreign soil ;
 2 Jehovah, for his residence,
 Chose out imperial Judah's tent,
 His mansion royal and from thence
 Thro' Isr'el's camp his orders sent.

3 The distant sea with terror saw,
 And from th' almighty's presence fled ;
 Old Jordan's streams surpriz'd with awe,
 Retreated to their fountain's head.

4 The taller mountains skipp'd like rams,
 When danger near the fold they hear ;
 The hills skipp'd after them like lambs
 Affrighted by their leader's fear.

5 O sea, what made your tide withdraw,
 And naked leave your oozy bed ?
 Why Jordan against nature's law,
 Recoild'st thou to thy fountain's head ;

6 Why mountains did ye skip like rams,
 When danger does approach the fold ?
 Why after you the hills like lambs,
 When they their leader's flight behold ?

7 Earth tremble on : well may'st thou fear
 Thy Lord and maker's face to see :
 When Jacob's awful God draws near,
 'Tis time for earth and seas to flee.

8 To flee from God, who nature's law
 Confirms and cancels at his will ?
 Who springs from flinty rocks can draw,
 And thirsty vales with water fill.

P S A L M CXV.

- 1 **L**ORD, not to us, we claim no share,
but to thy sacred name
Give glory, for thy mercy's sake,
and truth's eternal fame.
- 2 Why should the heathen cry, where's now
the God whom we adore ?
- 3 Convince them that in heav'n thou art,
and uncontroul'd thy pow'r.
- 4 Their Gods but gold and silver are,
the works of mortal hands ;
- 5 With speechless mouth, and sightless eyes,
the molten idol stands.
- 6 The pageant has both ears and nose,
but neither hears nor smells ;
- 7 Its hands and feet nor feel, nor move ;
nor life within it dwells.
- 8 Such senseless stocks they are, that we
can nothing like them find ;
But those who on their help rely,
and them for Gods design'd.
- 9 O Isr'el, make the Lord your trust,
who is your help and shield ;
- 10 Priests, Levites, trust in him alone,
who only help can yield.
- 11 Let all, who truly fear the Lord,
on him their fear rely ;
Who them in danger can defend,
and all their wants supply.
- 12, 13 Of us he oft has mindful been,
and Isr'el's house will bless ;
Priests, Levites, Prose'ytes, ev'n all
who his great name confess.

- 14 On you, and on your heirs he will
increase of blessings bring ;
15 Thrice happy you, who fav'rites are
of this almighty king.
16 Heav'n's highest orb of glory, he
his empire's seat desin'd ;
And gave this lower globe of earth
a portion to mankind.
17 They who in death and silence sleep
to him no praise afford :
18 But we will blest for evermore
our ever-living Lord.

P S A L M CXVI.

- 1 **M**Y Soul, with grateful thot's of love
intirely is possess'd,
Because the Lord vouchsaf'd. to hear
the voice of my request.
2 Since he has now his ear inclin'd,
I never will despair ;
But still in all the straits of life
to him address my pray'r.
3 With deadly sorrows compass'd round,
with pains of hell oppress'd ;
When troubles seiz'd my aking heart,
and anguish rack'd my breast :
4 On God's almighty name I call'd,
and thus to him I pray'd ;
“ Lord I beseech thee, save my soul
“ with sorrows quite dismay'd :
5, 6 How just and merciful is God !
how gracious is the Lord !
Who saves the harmless, and to me
does timely help afford,

7 Then free from pensive cares, my soul
resume thy wonted rest ;
For God has wond'rously to thee
his bounteous love exprest.

8 When death alarm'd me, he remov'd
my danger and my fears :
My feet from falling he secur'd,
and dry'd my eyes from tears.

9 Therefore my life's remaining years,
which God to me shall lend,
Will I in praises to his name,
and in his service spend.

10, 11 In God I trusted, and of him
in greatest straits did boast ;
(For in my flight all hopes of aid
from faithless men were lost :)

12, 13 Then what return to him shall I
for all his goodness make ?
I'll praise his name, and with glad zeal
the cup of blessing take.

14, 15 I'll pay my vows amongst his saints,
whose blood (howe'er despis'd
By wicked men) in God's account
is always highly priz'd.

16 By various ties, O Lord, must I
to thy dominion bow,
Thy humble handmaid's son before,
thy ransom'd captive now.

17, 18 To thee I'll off'rings bring of praise ;
and whilst I bless thy name,
The just performance of my vows
to all thy saints proclaim.

19 They

19 They in Jerusalem shall meet,
and in thy house shall join,
'To bless thy name with one consent,'
and mix their songs with mine.

P S A L M CXVII.

1 **W**ith chearful notes let all the earth
to heav'n their voices raise :

Let all, inspir'd with godly mirth,
sing solemn hymns of praise.

2 God's tender mercy knows no bound,
his truth shall ne'er decay ;

Then let the willing nations round,
their grateful tribute pay.

P S A L M CXVIII.

1 **O** Praise the Lord, for he is good,

2 his mercies ne'er decay :

That his kind favors ever last,
let thankful Isr'el say.

3, 4 Their sense of his eternal love,
let Aaron's house express ;

And that it never fails, let all
that fear the Lord, confess.

5 To God I made my humble moan,
with troubles quite oppress'd ;

And he releas'd me from my straits,
and granted my request.

6 Since therefore God does on my side
so graciously appear,

Why should the vain attempts of men
possess my soul with fear ?

7 Since God with those that aid my cause
vouchsafes my part to take,

To all my foes, I need not doubt,
a just return to make.

8, 9 For better 'tis to trust in God,
and have the Lord our friend,
Than on the greatest human pow'r
for safety to depend.

10, 11 Tho' many nations closely leagu'd
did oft beset me round :

Yet by his boundless pow'r sustain'd,
I did their strength confound.

12 They swarm'd like bees, and yet their rage,
was but a short-liv'd blaze ;

For whilst on God I still rely'd,
I vanquish'd them with ease.

13 When all united press'd me hard,
in hopes to make me fall :

The Lord vouchsaf'd to take my part,
and sav'd me from them all.

14 The honor of my strange escape
to him alone belongs ;

He is my saviour and my strength,
he only claims my songs.

15 Joy fills the dwelling of the just,
whom God has sav'd from harm ;

For wond'rous things are brought to pass
by his almighty arm.

He by his own resistless pow'r,
has endless honor won ;

The saving strength of his right hand,
amazing works has done.

17 God will not suffer me to fall,
but still prolongs my days ;

That by declaring all his works
I may advance his praise.

18 When

18 When God had forely me chastiz'd,
till quite of hopes bereav'd,
His mercy from the gates of death
my fainting life repriev'd.

19 Then open wide the temple gates
to which the just repair,
That I may enter in and praise
my great deliv'rer there.

20, 21 Within those gates of God's abode
to which the righteous press,
Since thou hast heard, and set me safe,
thy holy name I'll blefs.

22, 23 That which the builders once refus'd
is now the corner stone.

This is the wond'rous work of God,
the work of God alone.

24, 25 This day is God's ; let all the land
exalt their chearful voice :

Lord, we beseech thee, save us now,
and make us still rejoice.

26 Him that approaches in God's name,
Let all th' assembly blefs ;

“ We that belong to God's own house
“ have wish'd you good success.”

27 God is the Lord, through whom we all
both light and comfort find ;

Fast to the altar's horns with cords
the chosen victim bind.

28 Thou art my Lord, O God, and still
I'll praise thy holy name ;

Because thou only art my God,
I'll celebrate thy fame.

29 O then with me give thanks to God,
 who still does gracious prove ;
 And let the tribute of our praise
 be endless as his love.

P S A L M CXIX.

A L E P H.

1 **H**OW blest'd are they who always keep
 the pure and perfect way !
 Who never from the sacred paths
 of God's commandments stray !
 2 Thrice blest'd ! who to his righteous laws
 have still obedient been !
 And have with fervent humble zeal
 his favor sought to win !
 3 Such men their utmost caution use
 to shun each wicked deed ;
 But in the path which he directs
 with constant care proceed.
 4 Thou strictly hast enjoin'd us, Lord,
 to learn thy sacred will ;
 And all our diligence employ
 thy statutes to fulfil.
 5 O then that thy most holy will
 might o'er my ways preside !
 And I the course of all my life
 by thy direction guide ?
 6 Then with assurance should I walk,
 from all confusion free ;
 Convinc'd with joy, that all my ways
 with thy commands agree.
 7 My upright heart shall my glad mouth
 with chearful praises fill ;
 When by thy righteous judgments taught,
 I shall have learnt thy will.

8 So to thy sacred law shall I
 all due observance pay :
 O then forsake me not my God,
 nor cast me quite away.

B E T H.

9 How shall the young preserve their ways,
 from all pollution free ?

By making still their course of life
 with thy commands agree.

10 With hearty zeal for thee I seek,
 to thee for succour pray ;

O suffer not my careless steps
 from thy right paths to stray.

11 Safe in my heart, and closely hid,
 thy word, my treasure, lies ;

To succour me with timely aid,
 when sinful thoughts arise.

12 Secur'd by that, my grateful soul
 shall ever bless thy name :

O teach me then by thy just laws
 my future life to frame.

13 My lips, unlock'd by pious zeal,
 to others have declar'd ;

How well the judgments of thy mouth
 deserve our best regard.

14 Whilst in the way of thy commands
 more solid joy I found,

Than had I been with vast increase
 of envy'd riches crown'd.

15 Therefore thy just and upright laws
 shall always fill my mind,

And those sound rules which thou prescrib'st,
 all due respect shall find.

16 To keep thy statutes undefac'd
shall be my constant joy ;
The strict remembrance of thy word
shall all my thoughts employ.

G I M E L.

17 Be gracious to thy servant, Lord,
do thou my life defend,
That I according to thy word
my time to come may spend.
18 Enlighten both my eyes and mind,
that so I may discern
The wondrous things which they behold,
who thy just precepts learn.

19 Tho' like a stranger in the land,
from place to place I stray,
Thy righteous judgments from my sight,
remove not thou away.
20 My fainting soul is almost pin'd,
with earnest longings spent ;
Whilst always on the eager search
of thy just will intent.

21 Thy sharp rebuke shall crush the proud,
whom still thy curse pursues ;
Since they to walk in thy right ways
presumptuously refuse.
22 But far from me do thou O Lord,
contempt and shame remove ;
For I thy sacred laws effect
with undissembled love.

23 Tho' princes oft, in counsel met,
against thy servant spake ;
Yet I thy statutes to observe,
my constant business make.

24 For thy commands have always been
my comfort and delight ;
By them I learn with prudent care,
to guide my steps aright.

' D A L E T H.

25 My soul oppress'd with deadly care,
close to the dust does cleave ;
Revive me, Lord, and let me now
thy promis'd aid receive.

26 To thee I still declar'd my ways,
and thou inclin'dst thine ear ;
O teach me then my future life
by thy just laws to steer.

27 If thou wilt make me know thy laws,
and by thy guidance walk,
The wond'rous works which thou hast done,
shall be my constant talk.

28 But, see my soul within me sinks,
press'd down with weighty care ;
Do thou according to thy word,
my wasted strength repair.

29 Far, far from me be all false ways,
and lying arts remov'd !
But kindly grant I still may keep
the path by thee approv'd.

30 Thy faithful ways, thou God of truth,
my happy choice I've made ;
'Thy judgments, as my rule of life
before me always laid.

31 My care has been to make my life
with thy commands agree ;
O then preserve thy servant, Lord,
from shame and ruin free.

32 So in the way of thy commands
shall I with pleasure run,
And with a heart enlarg'd with joy,
successfully go on.

H E

33 Instruct me in thy statutes, Lord,
thy righteous paths display ;
And I from them, through all my life,
will never go astray.

34 If thou true wisdom from above
wilt graciously impart,
To keep thy perfect laws I will
devote my zealous heart.

35 Direct me in the sacred ways
to which thy precepts lead :
Because my chief delight has been
thy righteous paths to tread.

36 Do thou to thy most just commands
incline my willing heart :
Let no desire of worldly wealth
from thee my thoughts divert.

37 From those vain objects turn my eyes
which this false world displays ;
But give me lively pow'r and strength
to keep thy righteous ways.

38 Confirm the promise which thou mad'st,
and give thy servant aid,
Who to transgress thy sacred laws
is awfully afraid.

39 The foul disgrace I justly fear,
in mercy Lord remove ;
For all the judgments thou ordain'st
are full of grace and love.

40 Thou know'st how, after thy commands,
my longing heart does pant ;
O then make haste to raise me up,
and promis'd succour grant.

V A U.

41 Thy constant blessing, Lord, bestow
to cheer my drooping heart ;
To me, according to thy word,
thy saving health impart.

42 So shall I, when my foes upbraid,
this ready answer make ;

“ In God I trust, who never will
“ his faithful promise break.”

43 Then let not quite the word of truth
be from my mouth remov'd ;

Since still my ground of stedfast hope
thy just decrees have prov'd.

44 So I to keep thy righteous laws,
will all my study bend ;

From age to age, my time to come
in their observance spend.

45 E'er long I trust to walk at large,
from all incumbrance free ;

Since I resolve to make my life
with thy commands agree.

46 Thy laws shall be my constant talk ;
and princes shall attend,

Whilst I the justice of thy ways
with confidence defend.

47 My longing heart and ravish'd soul
shall both o'erflow with joy,

When in thy lov'd commandments I
my happy hours employ.

48 Then

48 Then will I to thy just decrees
lift up my willing hands ;
My care and bus'ness then shall be
to study thy commands.

Z A I N.

49 According to thy promis'd grace,
thy favor, Lord, extend ;
Make good to me the word, on which
thy servants hopes depend,
50 That only comfort in distress
did all my griefs controul ;
Thy word when troubles hem'd me round
reviv'd my fainting soul.

51 Insulting foes did proudly mock,
and all my hope deride ;
Yet, from thy law, not all their scoffs
could make me turn aside.
52 Thy judgments then, of antient date,
I quickly call'd to mind,
Till ravish'd with such thoughts, my soul
did speedy comfort find.

53 Sometimes I stand amaz'd, like one
with deadly horror struck,
To think how all my sinful foes
have thy just laws forsook.
54 But I thy statutes and decrees
my chearful anthems made ;
Whilst thro' strange lands and desarts wild,
I like a pilgrim stray'd.

55 Thy name, that chear'd my heart by day,
has fill'd my thoughts by night,
I then resolv'd by thy just laws,
to guide my steps aright.

56 That

56 That peace of mind, which has my soul
in deep distress sustain'd,
By strict obedience to thy will
I happily obtain'd.

C H E T H.

57 O Lord, my God, my portion thou
and sure possession art ;
Thy words I steadfastly resolve
to treasure in my heart.

58 With all the strength of warm desires
I did thy grace implore ;
Disclose, according to thy word,
thy mercies boundless store.

59 With due reflection and strict care
on all my ways I thought ;

And so, reclaim'd to thy just paths,
my wand'ring steps I brought.

60 I lost no time, but made great haste,
resolv'd without delay,

To watch that I might never more
from thy commandments stray.

61 Tho' num'rous troops of sinful men
to rob me have combin'd ;

Yet I thy pure and righteous laws
have ever kept in mind.

62 In dead of night I will arise
to sing thy solemn praise ;

Convinc'd how much I always ought
to love thy righteous ways.

63 To such as fear thy holy name,
myself I closely join :

To all who their obedient wills
to thy command resign.

64 O'er all the earth thy mercy, Lord,
abundantly is shed ;
O make me then exactly learn,
thy sacred paths to tread.

T E T H.

65 With me thy servant, thou hast dealt
most graciously, O Lord,
Repeated benefits bestow'd,
according to thy word.

66 Teach me the sacred skill by which
right judgment is attain'd,
Who in belief of thy commands
have steadfastly remain'd.

67 Before affliction stop'd my course,
my footsteps went astray ;
But I have since been disciplin'd,
thy precepts to obey.

68 Thou art, O Lord, supremely good,
and all thou dost is so ;
On me, thy statutes to discern,
thy saving skill bestow.

69 The proud have forg'd malicious lies,
my spotless fame to stain ;
But my fix'd heart, without reserve,
thy precepts shall retain ;

70 While pamper'd they with prosp'rous ills
in sensual pleasures live,
My soul can relish no delight,
but what thy precepts give.

71 'Tis good for me that I have felt
affliction's chast'ning rod,
That I might duly learn and keep
the statutes of my God.

72 The law that from thy mouth proceeds
of more esteem I hold,
Than untouch'd mines, than thousand mines
of silver and of gold.

J O D.

73 To me who am the workmanship
of thy almighty hands,
The heav'nly understandings give
to learn thy just commands.

74 My preservation to thy saints
strong comfort will afford,
To see success attend my hopes,
who trusted in thy word.

75 That right thy judgments are, I now
by sure experience see ;
And that in faithfulness, O Lord,
Thou hast afflicted me.

76 O let thy tender mercy now
afford me needful aid
According to thy promise, Lord,
to me thy servant made.

77 To me thy saving grace restore,
that I again may live ;
Whose soul can relish no delight,
but what thy precepts give.

78 Defeat the proud, who unprovok'd,
to ruin me have sought,
Who only on thy sacred laws
employ my harmless thought.

79 Let those that fear thy name espouse
my cause, and those alone
Who have by strict and pious search
thy sacred precepts known.

80 In thy bleſt ſtatutes let my heart
continue always ſound,
That guilt and ſhame, the ſinner's lot,
may never me confound.

C A P H.

81 My ſoul with long expectance faints
to ſee thy ſaving grace :

Yet ſtill on thy unerring word
my confidence I place.

82 My very eyes conſume and fail
with waiting for thy word ;

O ! when wilt thou thy kind relief
and promis'd aid afford.

83 My ſkin like ſhiver'd parchment ſhows,
that long in ſmoak is ſet ;

Yet no affliction me can force
thy ſtatutes to forget.

84 How many days muſt I endure
of ſorrow and diſtreſs ?

When wilt thou judgment execute
on them who me oppreſs ?

85 The proud have digg'd a pit for me,
who have no other foes,

But ſuch as are averſe to thee,
and thy juſt laws oppoſe.

86 With right and truth's eternal laws
all thy commands agree ;

Men perſecute me without cauſe,
thou, Lord, my helper be.

87 With cloſe deſigns againſt my life
they had almoſt prevail'd ;

But in obedience to thy will
my duty never fail'd :

88 Thy

88 Thy wonted kindness, Lord, restore,
my drooping heart to chear ;
That by thy righteous statutes, I
my life's whole course may steer.

L A M E D.

89 For ever, and for ever, Lord,
unchang'd thou dost remain ;
Thy word establish'd in the heav'ns,
does all their orbs sustain.

90 Thro' circling ages, Lord, thy truth
immoveable shall stand,
As doth the earth, which thou uphold'st
by thy almighty hand.

91 All things the course by thee ordain'd,
ev'n to this day fulfil ;
They are thy faithful subjects all,
and servants of thy will.

92 Unless thy sacred law had been
my comfort and delight,
I must have fainted, and expir'd-
in dark affliction's night.

93 Thy precepts therefore from my tho'ts
shall never Lord, depart ;
For thou by them hast to new life
restor'd my dying heart.

94 As I am thine, entirely thine,
protect me, Lord, from harm ;
Who have thy precepts sought to know,
and carefully perform.

95 The wicked have their ambush laid
my guiltless life to take ;
But in the midst of danger I
thy word my study make.

96 I've seen an end, of what we call
 perfection here below :
 But thy commandments, like thyself,
 no change or period know.

M E M.

97 The love that to thy laws I bear,
 no language can display ;
 They with fresh wonders entertain
 my ravish'd thoughts all day.

98 Thro' thy commands I wiser grow
 than all my subtle foes ;
 For thy sure word doth me direct,
 and all my ways dispose.

99 From me my former teachers now
 may abler counsel take ;
 Because thy sacred precepts I
 my constant study make.

100 In understanding I excel
 the sages of our days ;
 Because by thy unerring rules
 I order all my ways.

101 My feet with care I have refrain'd
 from ev'ry sinful way,
 That to thy sacred word I might
 entire obedience pay.

102 I have not from thy judgments stray'd
 by vain desires misled ;
 For Lord, thou hast instructed me
 thy righteous paths to tread.

103 How sweet are all thy words to me
 O what divine repast !
 How much more grateful to my soul,
 than honey to my taste.

U

104 Taught

104 Taught by thy sacred precepts,
with heav'nly skill am blest,
Thro' which the treach'rous ways of sin
I utterly detest.

N U N.

105 Thy word is to my feet a lamp,
the way of truth to shew :
A watch-light to point out the path,
in which I ought to go.

106 I swear (and from my solemn oath
I'll never start aside)
That in thy righteous judgments I
will stedfastly abide.

107 Since I with griefs am so oppress'd,
that I can bear no more ;
According to thy word, do thou
my fainting soul restore.

108 Let still my sacrifice of praise
with thee acceptance find ;
And in thy righteous judgments, Lord,
instruct my willing mind.

109 Tho' ghastly dangers me surround,
my soul they cannot awe,
Nor with continual terrors keep
from thinking on thy law.

110 My wicked and invet'rate foes
for me their snares have laid ;
Yet I have kept the upright path,
nor from thy precepts stray'd.

111 Thy testimonies I have made
my heritage and choice ;
For they when other comforts fail,
my drooping heart rejoice.

112 My

112 My heart with early zeal began
thy statutes to obey ;
And 'till my course of life is done
shall keep thy upright way.

S A M E C H.

113 Deceitful thoughts and practices
I utterly detest ;
But to thy law affection bear
too great to be express'd.

114 My hiding place, my refuge-tower,
and shield art thou O Lord ;
I firmly anchor all my hopes
on thy unerring word.

115 Hence ye that trade in wickedness,
approach not my abode ;
For firmly I resolve to keep
the precepts of my God.

116 According to thy gracious word,
from danger set me free ;
Nor make me of those hopes ashamed,
that I repose on thee.

117 Uphold me, so shall I be safe,
and rescue'd from distress ;
To thy decrees continually
my just respect address.

118 The wicked thou hast trod to earth,
who from thy statutes stray'd ;
Their vile deceit the just reward
of their own falsehood made.

119 The wicked from thy holy land
thou dost like dross remove ;
therefore, with such justice charm'd,
thy testimonies love.

120 Yet with that love they make me dread
lest I should so offend,
When on transgressors I behold
thy judgments thus descend.

A I N.

121 Judgment and justice I have lov'd ;
O therefore, Lord, engage
In my defence, nor give me up
to my oppressors rage.

122 Do thou be surety, Lord, for me,
and so shall this distress
Prove good for me ; nor shall the proud
my guiltless soul oppress.

123 My eyes, alas ! begin to fail,
in long expectance held ;
'Till thy salvation they behold,
and righteous word fulfill'd.

124 To me, thy servant in distress,
thy wonted grace display,
And discipline my willing heart,
thy statutes to obey.

125 On me, devoted to thy fear,
thy sacred skill bestow,
That of thy testimonies I
the full extent may know.

126 'Tis time, high time for thee, O Lord,
thy vengeance to employ,
When men with open violence
thy sacred law destroy.

127 Yet their contempt of thy commands,
but makes their value rise
In my esteem, who purest gold
compar'd with them despise.

128 Thy

128 Thy precepts therefore I account;
in all respects divine :

They teach me to discern the right,
and all false ways decline.

P E

129 The wonders which thy laws contain,
no words can represent ;

Therefore to learn and practise them,
my zealous heart is bent.

130 The very entrance to thy word
cœlestial light displays, .

And knowledge of true happiness
to simplest minds conveys.

131 With eager hopes I waiting stood,
and fainted with desire,

That of thy wise commands I might
the sacred skill acquire.

132 With favor, Lord, look down on me
who thy relief implore ;

As thou art wont to visit those
that thy blest name adore.

133 Directed by thy heav'nly word,
let all my footsteps be ;

Nor wickedness of any kind,
dominion have o'er me.

134 Release, entirely set me free
from persecuting hands,

That, unmolested, I may learn
and practise thy commands.

135 On me, devoted to thy fear,
Lord, make thy face to shine :

Thy statutes both to know and keep,
my heart with zeal incline.

136 My eyes to weeping fountains turn,
 whence briny rivers flow,
 'To see mankind against thy laws
 in bold defiance go.

T S A D D I.

137 Thou art the righteous Judge, in whom
 wrong'd innocence may trust ;
 And, like thyself, thy judgments, Lord,
 in all respects are just.

138 Most just and true those statutes were,
 which thou didst first decree ;
 And all with faithfulness perform'd,
 succeeding times shall see.

139 With zeal my flesh consumes away,
 my soul with anguish frets,
 'To see my foes condemn at once
 thy promises and threats.

140 Yet each neglected word of thine
 (howe'er by them despis'd)
 Is pure, and for eternal truth
 by me, thy servant, priz'd.

141 Brought, for thy sake, to low estate,
 contempt from all I find ;
 Yet no affronts or wrongs can drive
 thy precepts from my mind.

142 Thy righteousness shall then endure,
 when time itself is past ;
 Thy law is truth itself, that truth
 which shall forever last.

143 Tho' trouble, anguish, doubts and
 to compass me unite, [dread
 Beset with danger, still I make
 thy precepts my delight.

144 Eternal

144 Eternal and unerring rules
thy testimonies give :
Teach me the wisdom that will make
my soul for ever live.

K O P H.

145 With my whole heart to God I call'd,
Lord, hear my earnest cry ;
And I thy statutes to perform,
will all my care apply.

136 Again more fervently I pray'd,
O save me that I may
Thy testimonies throughly know,
and stedfastly obey.

147 My earlier pray'r the drawing day
prevented, while I cry'd
To him on whose engaging word
my hope alone rely'd.

148 With zeal have I awak'd before
the midnight watch was set,
That I of thy mysterious word
might perfect knowledge get.

149 Lord, hear my supplicating voice,
and wonted favour shew ;
O quicken me, and so approve
thy judgments ever true.

150 My persecuting foes advance,
and hourly nearer draw ;
What treatment can I hope from them
who violate thy law ?

151 Tho' they draw nigh, my comfort is
thou, Lord, art yet more near ;
Thou, whose commands are righteous all,
thy promises sincere.

152 Concerning thy divine decrees,
my soul has known of old
That they were true, and shall their truth
to endless ages hold.

R E S C H

153 Consider my affliction, Lord,
and me from bondage draw ;
Think on thy servant in distress,
who ne'er forgets thy law.

154 Plead thou my cause ; to that and me
thy timely aid afford ;
With beams of mercy quicken me
according to thy word.

155 From harden'd sinners thou remov'st
salvation far away :
'Tis just thou should'st withdraw from them,
who from thy statutes stray.

156 Since great thy tender mercies are
to all who thee adore ;
According to thy judgments, Lord,
my fainting hopes restore.

157 A num'rous host of spiteful foes
against my life combine ;
But all too few to force my soul
thy statutes to decline.

158 Those bold transgressors I beheld,
and was with grief oppress'd,
To see with what audacious pride
thy cov'nant they transgress'd.

159 Yet while they flight, consider, Lord,
how I thy precepts love ;
O therefore quicken me with beams
of mercy from above.

160 As from the birth of time thy truth
has held through ages past,
So shall thy righteous judgments; firm,
to endless ages last.

S C H I N.

161 Tho' mighty tyrants, without cause,
conspire my blood to shed,
Thy sacred word has pow'r alone
to fill my heart with dread.

162 And yet that word my joyful breast
with heav'nly rapture warms,
Nor conquest, nor the spoils of war,
have such transporting charms.

163 Perfidious practices and lies
I utterly detest;
But to thy laws affection bear,
too vast to be express'd.

164 Sev'n times a day with grateful voice,
thy praises I resound,
Because I find thy judgments all
with truth and justice crown'd.

165 Secure, substantial peace have they
who truly love thy law;
No smiling mischief them can tempt,
nor frowning danger awe.

166 For thy salvation I have hop'd,
and tho' so long delay'd,
With chearful zeal and strictest care
all thy commands obey'd.

167 Thy testimonies I have kept,
and constantly obey'd;
Because the love I bore to them,
thy service easy made.

168 From

168 From strict observance of thy laws
I never yet withdrew ;
Convinc'd that my most secret ways
are open to thy view.

T A U.

169 To my request and earnest cry
attend, O gracious Lord ;
Inspire my heart with heav'nly skill,
according to thy word.

170 Let my repeated pray'r at last
before thy throne appear ;
According to thy plighted word
for my relief draw near.

171 Then shall my grateful lips return
the tribute of their praise,
When thou thy counsels hast reveal'd,
and taught me thy just ways.

172 My tongue the praises of thy word
shall thankfully resound,
Because thy promises are all
with truth and justice crown'd.

173 Let thy almighty arm appear,
and bring me timely aid ;
For I the laws thou hast ordain'd,
my heart's free choice have made.

174 My soul has waited long to see
thy saving grace restor'd ;
Nor comfort knew, but what thy laws,
thy heav'nly laws afford.

175 Prolong my life, that I may sing
my great restorer's praise,
Whole justice from the depths of woe,
my fainting soul shall raise.

176 Like some lost sheep I've stray'd, 'till I
dispair my way to find :

Thou therefore, Lord, thy servant seek,
who keeps thy laws in mind.

P S A L M CXX.

1 **I**N deep distress I oft have cry'd
To God, who never yet deny'd
To rescue me oppress'd with wrongs :

2 Once more, O Lord, deliv'rance send,
From lying lips my soul defend,
And from the rage of slander'ring tongues.

3 What little profit can accrue,
And yet what heavy wrath is due.
O thou perfidious tongue, to thee ?

4 Thy sting upon thyself shall turn ;
Of lasting flames that fiercely burn,
The constant fuel thou shalt be.

5 But O ! how wretched is my doom,
Who am a sojourner become
In barren Mesech's desert soil ;
With Kedar's wicked tents inclos'd,
To lawless savages expos'd,
Who live on nought but theft and spoil.

6 My hapless dwelling is with those
Who peace and amity oppose,
And pleasure take in others harms :

7 Sweet peace is all I court and seek ;
But when to them of peace I speak,
They strait cry out, To arms, to arms.

P S A L M CXXI.

1 **T**O Sion's hill I lift my eyes,
from thence expecting aid ;

2 From Sion's hill and Sion's God,
who heav'n and earth has made.

3 Then

- 3 Then thou, my soul, in safety rest ;
thy guardian will not sleep :
4 His watchful care that Isr'el guards,
will Isr'el's monarch keep.
- 5 Shelter'd beneath th' almighty's wings,
thou shalt securely rest,
6 Where neither sun nor moon shall thee
by day or night molest.
- 7 From common accidents of life
his care shall guard thee still ;
From evils undesign'd, and foes
that lie in wait to kill.
- 8 At home, abroad, in peace, in war,
thy God shall thee defend ;
Conduct thee thro' life's pilgrimage,
safe to thy journey's end.

P S A L M CXXII.

- 1 **O** 'Twas a joyful sound to hear
our tribes devoutly say,
Up Isr'el to the temple haste,
and keep your festial day.
- 2 At Salem's courts we must appear,
with our assembled pow'rs ;
3 In strong and beautilous order rang'd,
like her united tow'rs ;
- 4 'Tis thither by divine command,
the tribes of God repair,
Before his ark to celebrate
his name with praise and pray'r.
- 5 Tribunal's stand erected there,
where equity takes place :
There stand the courts and palaces
of royal David's race.

6 O pray we then for Salem's peace,
for they shall prosp'rous be,
(Thou holy city of our God !)
who bear true love to thee.

7 May peace within thy sacred walls
a constant guest be found,
With plenty and prosperity
thy palaces be crown'd.

8 For my dear brethren's sake, and friends
no less than brethren dear,
I'll pray—may peace in Salem's tow'rs
a constant guest appear.

8 But most of all, I'll seek thy good,
and ever wish thee well,
For Sion and the temple's sake,
where God vouchsafes to dwell.

P S A L M CXXIII.

1 **O**N thee, who dwell'st above the skies,

2 **F**or mercy wait my longing eyes ;
As servants watch their masters hands,
And maids their mistresses commands.

3, 4 O then have mercy on us, Lord,
Thy gracious aid to us afford :
To us whom cruel foes oppress,
Grown rich and proud by our distress.

P S A L M CXXIV.

1 **H**AD not the Lord (may Isr'el say)
been pleas'd to interpose ;

2 Had he not then espous'd our cause,
when men against us rose ;

3, 4, 5 Their wrath had swallow'd us alive
and rag'd without controul ;

Their spite and pride's united floods
had quite o'erwhelm'd our soul.

6 But prais'd be our eternal Lord,
 who rescu'd us that day,
 Nor to their savage jaws gave up
 our threat'ned lives a prey.
 7 Our soul is like a bird escap'd
 from out the fowler's net ;
 'The snare is broke, their hopes are cross'd,
 and we at freedom set.

8 Secure in his almighty name,
 our confidence remains,
 Who as he made both heav'n and earth,
 of both sole monarch reigns.

P S A L M CXXV.

1 **W**HO place on Sion's God their trust,
 like Sion's rock shall stand ;
 Like her immoveably be fix'd
 by his almighty hand.

2 Look how the hills on ev'ry side
 Jerufalem inclose,
 So stands the Lord around his saints
 to gaurd them from their foes.

3 The wicked may afflict the just,
 but ne'er too long oppress,
 Nor force him by despair to seek
 base means for his redress.

4 Be good, O righteous God, to those,
 who righteous deeds affect :
 The heart that innocence retains,
 let innocence protect.

5 All those who walk in crooked paths,
 the Lord shall soon destroy ;
 Cut off th' unjust, but crown the saints
 with lasting peace and joy.

P S A L M CXXVI.

1 **W**HEN Sion's God her sons recall'd
 from long captivity,
 It seem'd at first a pleasing dream
 of what we wish'd to see ;
 2 But soon in unaccustom'd mirth,
 we did our voice employ,
 And sung our great Creator's praise
 in thankful hymns of joy.

Our heathen foes repining stood,
 yet were compell'd to own,
 That great and wond'rous was the work
 our God for us had done.
 3 'Twas great say they, 'twas wond'rous
 much more should we confess ; [great,
 The Lord has done great things, whereof
 we reap the glad success.

4 To us bring back the remnant, Lord,
 of Isr'el's captive bands,
 More welcome than refreshing show'rs
 to parch'd and thirsty lands.
 5 That we, whose work commenc'd in tears,
 may see our labours thrive,
 'Till finish'd with success, to make
 our drooping hearts revive.
 6 Tho' he despond that sows his grain,
 yet doubtless he shall come
 To bind his full ear'd sheaves, and bring
 the joyful harvest home.

P S A L M CXXVII.

1 **W**E build with fruitless cost, unless
 the Lord the pile sustain ;
 Unless the Lord the city keep,
 the watchman wakes in vain :

2 In vain we rise before the day,
 and late to rest repair :
 Allow no respite to our toil,
 and eat the bread of care.

Supplies of life, with ease to them,
 he on his saints bestows ;
 He crowns their labour with success,
 their nights with sound repose.
 3 Children, those comforts of our life,
 are presents from the Lord ;
 He gives a num'rous race of heirs,
 as piety's reward.

4 As arrows in a giant's hand
 when marching forth to war,
 Ev'n to the sons of sprightly youth,
 their parent's safeguard are.
 5 Happy the man, whose quivers fill'd
 with these prevailing arms ;
 He needs not fear to meet his foe,
 at law, or war's alarms.

P S A L M CXXVIII.

1 **T**HE Man is blest who fears the Lord,
 nor only worship pays,
 But keeps his steps confin'd with care
 to his appointed ways.
 2 He shall upon the sweet returns
 of his own labour feed ;
 Without dependance live, and see
 his wishes all succeed.
 3 His wife, like a fair fertile vine,
 her lovely fruit shall bring ;
 His children, like young olive plants,
 about his table spring.

4, 5 Who

4, 5 Who fears the Lord, shall prosper thus ;
 him Sion's God shall bless ;
 And grant him all his days to see
 Jerusalem's success.

6 He shall live on, 'till heirs from him
 descend with vast increase :
 Much bless'd in his own prosp'rous state,
 and more in Isr'el's peace.

P S A L M CXXIX.

1 **F**ROM my youth up, may Isr'el say,
 they oft have me assail'd,
 2 Reduc'd me oft to heavy straits,
 but never quite prevail'd.
 3 They oft have plow'd my patient back
 with furrows deep and long :
 4 But our just God has broke their chains,
 and rescu'd us from wrong.
 5 Defeat, confusion, shameful rout
 be still the doom of those,
 Their righteous doom who Sion hate,
 and Sion's God oppose.
 6 Like corn upon our houses tops,
 untimely let them fade,
 Which too much heat, and want of root,
 has blasted in the blade :
 7 Which in his arms no reaper takes,
 but unregarded leaves ;
 Nor binder thinks it worth his pains
 to fold it into sheaves.
 8 No traveller that passes by,
 vouchsafes a minute's stop,
 To give it one kind look, or crave
 heav'n's blessing on the crop.

P S A L M CXXX.

- 1 **F**ROM lowest depths of woe,
to God I send my cry ;
2 Lord hear my supplicating voice,
and graciously reply.
3 Should'st thou severely judge,
who can the trial bear ?
4 But thou forgiv'st, lest we despond,
and quite renounce thy fear.
5 My soul with patience waits
for thee the living Lord ;
My hopes are on thy promise built,
thy never-failing word.
6 My longing eyes look out
for the enliv'ning ray,
More duly than the morning watch
to spy the dawning day.
7 Let Isr'el trust in God ;
no bounds his mercy knows ;
'The plenteous source and spring from whence
eternal succour flows.
8 Whose friendly streams to us
supplies in want convey ;
A healing spring, a spring to cleanse,
and wash our guilt away.

P S A L M CXXXI.

- 1 **O** Lord, I am not proud of heart,
nor cast a scornful eye ;
Nor my aspiring thoughts employ
in things for me too high.
2 With infant innocence, thou know'st
I have myself demean'd ;
Compos'd to quiet, like a babe
that from the breast is wean'd.

3 Like me let Isr'el hope in God,
his aid alone implore ;
Both now and ever trust in him,
who lives forever more.

P S A L M CXXXII.

1 **L**ET David, Lord, a constant place
in thy remembrance find ;
Let all the sorrows he endur'd,
be ever in thy mind.

2 Remember what a solemn oath
to thee, his Lord, he swore ;
How to the mighty God he vow'd,
whom Jacob's sons adore ;

3, 4 I will not go into my house,
nor to my bed ascend ;
No soft repose shall close my eyes,
nor sleep my eye-lids bend ;

5 'Till for the Lord's design'd abode
I mark'd the destin'd ground ;
'Till I a decent place of rest
for Jacob's God have found.

6 Th' appointed place with shouts of joy,
at Euphrata we found,
And made the woods and neighb'ring fields
our glad applause resound.

O with due rev'rence let us then
to his abode repair ;
And, prostrate at his footstool fall'n,
pour out our humble pray'r.

8 Arise, O Lord, and now possess
thy constant place of rest ;
Be that, not only with thy ark,
but with thy presence blest.

9, 10 Cloath

9 10 Cloath thou thy priests with righteous-
 make thou thy saints rejoice ; [ness,
 And for thy servant David's sake,
 hear thy annointed's voice.

11 God sware to David in his truth.
 (nor shall his oath be vain)

One of thy offspring after thee
 upon thy throne shall reign :

12 And if thy seed my cov'nant keep,
 and to my laws submit :

Their children too upon thy throne
 for evermore shall sit.

23, 24 For Sion does in God's esteem
 all other seats excel ;

His place of everlasting rest,
 where he desires to dwell.

15, 16 Her store, says he, I will increase
 her poor with plenty blefs ;

Her saints shall shout for joy, her priests-
 my saving health confess.

17 There David's pow'r shall long remain
 in his successive line,

And my anointed servant there
 shall with fresh lustre shine.

18 The faces of his vanquish'd foes
 confusion shall o'erspread ;

Whilst with confirm'd success, his crown
 shall flourish on his head.

P S A L M CXXXIII.

1 **H**OW vast must their advantage be !
 how great their pleasure prove !

Who live like brethren, and consent
 in offices of love !

2 True love is like that precious oil
which pour'd on Aaron's head,
Ran down his beard, and o'er his robes
its costly moisture shed.

3 'Tis like refreshing dew, which does
on Hermon's top distill ;
Or like the early drops, that fall
on Sion's fruitful hill.

4 For God to all, whose friendly hearts
with mutual love abound,
Has firmly promis'd length of days
with constant blessings crown'd.

P S A L M CXXXIV.

1 **B**LESS God, ye servants that attend
upon his solemn state,
That in his temple, night by night,
with humble rev'rence wait :

2, 3 Within his house lift up your hands,
and bless his holy name ;
From Sion bless thy Isr'el, Lord,
who heav'n and earth didst frame.

P S A L M CXXXV.

1 **O** Praise the Lord with one consent,
and magnify his name ;
Let all the servants of the Lord
his worthy praise proclaim.

2 Praise him all ye that in his house,
attend with constant care ;
With those that to his outmost courts
with humble zeal repair.

3 For this our truest int'rest is,
glad hymns of praise to sing ;
And with loud songs to bless his name,
a most delightful thing.

4 For

4 For God his own peculiar choice
the sons of Jacob makes ;
And Isr'el's offspring for his own
most valu'd treasure takes.

5 That God is great, we often have
by glad experience found ;
And seen how he with wond'rous pow'r
above all Gods is crown'd.

6 For he with unresisted strength
performs his sov'reign will ;
In heav'n and earth, and watry stores
that earth's deep caverns fill.

7 He raises vapours from the ground,
which pois'd in liquid air,
Fall down at last in show'rs thro' which
his dreadful lightnings glare :

8 He from his store-house brings the winds ;
and he with vengeful hand,
The first-born slew of man and beast,
thro' Egypt's mourning land.

9 He dreadful signs and wonders shew'd
thro' stubborn Egypt's coasts,
Nor Pharaoh could his plagues escape,
nor all his num'rous hosts.

10, 11 'Twas he that various nations smote,
and mighty kings suppress'd ;
Sion and Og, and all besides,
who Canaan's land possess'd.

12, 13 Their land upon his chosen race
he firmly did entail ;
For which his fame shall always last,
his praise shall never fail.

14 For God shall soon his people's cause
with pitying eyes survey ;
Repent him of his wrath and turn
his kindled rage away.

15 Those idols, whose false worship spread
o'er all the heathen lands,
Are made of silver and of gold,
the work of human hands.

16, 17 They move not their fictitious tongues
nor see with polish'd eyes ;
Their counterfeited ears are deaf,
no breath their mouth supplies.

18 As senseless as themselves are they,
that all their skill apply
To make them, or in dang'rous times
on them for aid rely.

19 Their just returns of thanks to God,
let grateful Isr'el pay :
Nor let the priests of Aaron's race
to bless the Lord delay.

20 Their sense of his unbounded love
let Levi's house express ;
And let all those that fear the Lord,
his name forever bless.

21 Let all with thanks his wond'rous works
in Sion's courts proclaim ;
Let them in Salem, where he dwells
exalt his holy name.

P S A L M, CXXXVI.

1 **T**O God the mighty Lord,
Your joyful thanks repeat :
To him due praise afford,
as good as he is great.

For

For God does prove
Our constant friend,
His boundless love
shall never end.

2, 3, To him, whose wond'rous pow'r
all other Gods obey,
Whom earthly kings adore,
this grateful homage pay :
For God, &c.

4, 5 By his almighty hand
amazing works are wrought ;
The heav'ns by his command
were to perfection brought.
For God, &c.

6 He spread the ocean round
about the spacious land ;
And made the rising ground
above the waters stand.
For God, &c.

7, 8, 9 Thro' heav'n he did display
his num'rous hosts of light ;
The sun to rule by day,
the moon and stars by night.
For God, &c.

10, 11, 12 He struck the first-born dead
of Egypt's stubborn land ;
And thence his people led
with his resistless hand.
For God, &c.

13, 14 By him the raging sea,
as if in pieces rent,
Disclos'd a middle way,
through which his people went.
For God, &c.

15 Where

15 Where soon he overthrew
proud Pharaoh and his host,
Who daring to pursue,
were in the billows lost.
For God, &c.

16, 17, 18 Thro' deserts vast and wild,
he led the chosen seed ;
And famous princes foil'd,
and made great monarchs bleed.
For God, &c.

19, 20 Sihon, whose potent hand
great Ammon's sceptre sway'd ;
And Og, whose stern command
rich Bashan's land obey'd,
For God, &c.

21, 22 And of his wond'rous grace
their lands, whom he destroy'd,
He gave to Isr'el's race,
to be by them enjoy'd.
For God, &c.

23, 24 He in our depth of woes,
on us with favor thought,
And from our cruel foes
in peace and safety brought.
For God, &c.

25, 26 He does the food supply,
on which all creatures live ;
To God who reigns on high
eternal praises give.
For God will prove
Our constant friend,
His boundless love
Shall never end.

P S A L M CXXXVII.

1 **W**HEN we, our weary'd limbs to rest,
Sat down by proud Euphrates stream;
We wept, with doleful thoughts oppress,
And Sion was our mournful theme.

2 Our harps, that when with joy we sung,
Were wont their tuneful parts to bear,
With silent strings neglected hung
On willow-trees that wither'd there:

3 Mean while our foes, who all conspir'd
To triumph in our slavish wrongs,
Music and mirth of us requir'd,
“Come sing us one of Sion's songs.”

4 How shall we tune our voice to sing?
Or touch our harps with skilful hands?
Shall hymns of joy to God our king
Be sung by slaves in foreign lands?

5 O Salem, our once happy seat!
When I of thee forgetful prove,
Let then my trembling hand forget
The speaking string with art to move!

6 If I to mention thee forbear,
Eternal silence seize my tongue;
Or if I sing one chearful air,
Till thy deliv'rance is my song!

7 Remember, Lord, how Edom's race,
In thy own city's fatal day,
Cry'd out, “Her stately walls deface,
“And with the ground quite level lay.”

8 Proud Babal's daughter, doom'd to be
Of grief and woe the wretched prey,
Bless'd is the man who shall to thee
The wrongs thou laid'st on us, repay.

9 Thrice

9 Thrice blest, who with just rage possess,
And deaf to all the parents moans,
Shall snatch thy infants from the breast,
And dash their heads against the stones.

P S A L M CXXXVIII.

With my whole heart, my God and king,
thy praise I will proclaim ;
Before the Gods with joy I'll sing,
and bless thy holy name.

2 I'll worship at thy sacred seat ;
and with thy love inspir'd,
The praises of thy truth repeat,
o'er all thy works admir'd.

3 Thou graciously inclin'st thine ear,
when I to thee did cry ;
And when my soul was press'd with fear,
didst inward strength supply.

4 Therefore shall ev'ry earthly prince
thy name with praise pursue,
Whom these admir'd events convince
that all my works are true.

5 They all thy wond'rous ways, O Lord,
with chearful songs sha'l bless ;
And all thy glorious acts record,
thy awful pow'r confess.

6 For God, altho' enthron'd on high,
does thence the poor respect ;
The proud far off, his scornful eye
beholds with just neglect.

7 Tho' I with troubles am oppress'd,
he shall my foes disarm
Relieve my soul when most distress'd,
and keep me safe from harm.

8 The Lord, whose mercies ever last,
 shall fix my happy state ;
 And mindful of his favours past,
 shall his own work compleat.

P S A L M CXXXIX.

1, **T**HOU, Lord, by strictest search hast
 2 my rising up and lying down ; [known
 My secret thoughts are known to thee,
 Known long before conceiv'd by me.
 3 Thine eye my bed and path surveys,
 My publick haunts and private ways ;
 4 Thou know'st what 'tis my lips would vent,
 My yet unutter'd words intent.

5 Surrounded by thy pow'r I stand,
 On ev'ry side I find thy hand.
 6 O skill, for human reach too high !
 Too dazling bright for mortal eye !
 7 O could I so perfidious be,
 To think of once deserting thee !
 Where, Lord, could I thy influence shun ?
 Or whither from thy presence run ?

8 If up to heav'n I take my flight ;
 'Tis there thou dwell'st enthron'd in light ;
 Or sink to hell's infernal plains,
 'Tis there almighty vengeance reigns.
 9 If I the morning's wings could gain,
 And fly beyond the western main,
 10 Thy swifter hand would first arrive,
 And there arrest thy fugitive.

11 Or should I try to shun thy sight
 Beneath the sable wings of night ;
 One glance from thee, one piercing ray
 Would kindle darkness into day.

12 The veil of night is no disguise,
No screen from thy all-searching eyes :
Thro' midnight shades thou find'st the way,
As in the blazing noon of day.

13 Thou know'st the texture of my heart,
My reins and ev'ry vital part ;
Each single thread in nature's loom,
By thee was cover'd in the womb.

14 I'll praise thee from whose hands I came,
A work of such a curious frame ;
The wonders thou in me hast shone,
My soul with grateful joy must own.

15 'Thine eyes my substance did survey,
While yet a lifeless mass it lay,
In secret how exactly wrought,
E'er from its dark inclosure brought.

16 Thou didst the shapeless embrio see,
Its parts were registred by thee :
Thou saw'st the daily growth they took,
Form'd by the model of thy book.

17 Let me acknowledge too, O God,
That since this maze of life I trod,
Thy thoughts of love to me surmount
The pow'r of numbers to recount.

18 Far sooner could I reckon o'er
The sands upon the ocean's shore :
Eerch morn revising what I've done,
I find th' account but new begun.

19 The wicked thou shalt slay, O God :
Depart from me ye men of blood,

20 Whose tongues heav'n's majesty profane,
And take th' almighty's name in vain,

21 Lord, hate not I their impious crew,
 Who the with enmity pursue ?
 And does not grief my heart oppress,
 When reprobates thy law transgress ?

22 Who practise enmity to thee,
 Shall utmost hatred have from me ;
 Such men I utterly detest,
 As if they were my foes profest.
 23, 24 Search, try, O God, my tho'ts & heart,
 If mischief lurks in any part ;
 Correct me where I go astray,
 And guide me in thy perfect way.

P S A L M CXL.

- 1 **P**reserve me, Lord, from crafty foes
 of treacherous intent ;
 2 And from the sons of violence,
 on open mischief bent.
 3 Their sland'ring tongue the serpent's sting
 in sharpness does exceed :
 Between their lips the gaul of asps
 and adders venom breed.
 4 Preserve me, Lord, from wicked hands
 nor leave my soul forlorn,
 A prey to sons of violence,
 who have my ruin sworn.
 5 The proud for me have laid their snare
 and spread their wily net ;
 With traps and gins where'er I move,
 I find my steps beset.
 6 But thus environ'd with distress,
 thou art my God I said ;
 Lord, hear my supplicating voice,
 that calls to thee for aid.

7 O Lord, the God whose saving strength
kind succour did convey,
And cover'd my advent'rous head
in battle's doubtful day ;

8 Permit not their unjust designs
to answer their desire ;

Lest they encourag'd by success,
to bolder crimes aspire.

9 Let first their chiefs the sad effects
of their injustice mourn ;

The blast of their envenom'd breath,
upon themselves return.

10 Let them who kindled first the flame,
its sacrifice become ;

The pit they digg'd for me, be made
their own untimely tomb.

11 'Tho' slander's breath may raise a storm,
it quickly will decay ;

Their rage does but the torrent swell,
that bears themselves away.

12 God will assert the poor man's cause,
and speedy succour give ;

The just shall celebrate his praise,
and in his presence live.

P S A L M CXLI.

1 **T**O thee O Lord, my cries ascend,
O haste to my relief ;
And with accustom'd pity hear
the accents of my grief .

2 Instead of Off'rings, let my pray'r
like morning incense rise :

My lifted hands supply the place
of ev'ning sacrifice.

3 From hasty language curb my tongue,
and let a constant guard
Still keep the portal of my lips,
with wary silence barr'd.

4 From wicked mens designs and deeds
my heart and hands restrain ;
Nor let me in the booty share
of their unrighteous gain.

5 Let upright men reprove my faults,
and I shall think them kind ;
Like balm that heels a wounded head,
I their reproof shall find ;

And in return, my fervent pray'r
I shall for them address,

When they are tempted and reduc'd,
like me, to sore distress.

6 When skulking in Engedi's rock,
I to their chiefs appeal,

If one reproachful word I spoke,
when I had pow'r to kill,

7 Yet us they persecute to death,
our scatter'd ruins lie,

As thick as from the hewer's ax
the sever'd splinters fly.

8 But, Lord, to thee I still direct
my supplicating eyes,

O leave not destitute my soul,
whose trust on thee relies.

9 Do thou preserve me from the snares
that wicked hands have laid ;

Let them in their own nets be caught,
while my escape is made.

P S A L M CXLII.

- 1 **T**O God with mournful voice,
in deep distress I pray'd;
2 Made him the umpire of my cause,
my wrongs before him laid.
3 Thou didst my steps direct,
when my griev'd soul despair'd :
For when I thought to walk secure,
they had their traps prepar'd.
4 I look'd but found no friend
to own me in distress ;
All refuge fail'd, no man vouchsaf'd
his pity or redress.
5 To God at last I pray'd,
thou, Lord, my refuge art,
My portion in th' land of life,
'till life itself depart.

- 6 Reduc'd to greatest straits,
to thee I make my moan ;
O save me from oppressive foes,
for me too pow'rful grown.
8 That I may praise thy name,
my soul from prison bring ;
Whilst of thy kind regard to me,
assembled saints shall sing.

P S A L M CXI III.

- 1 **L**ORD hear my pray'r, and to my cry
Thy wonted audience lend ;
In thy accusom'd faith and truth
a gracious answer send.
2 Nor at thy strict tribunal bring
thy servant to be try'd ;
For in thy sight no living man
can e'er be justify'd.

- 3 The spiteful foe pursues my life,
whose comforts all are fled ;
He drives me into caves as dark
as mansions of the dead.
- 4 My spirit therefore is o'erwhelm'd,
and sinks within my breast ;
My mournful heart grows desolate,
with heavy woes oppress'd.
- 5 I call to mind the days of old,
and wonders thou hast wrought :
My former dangers and escapes
employ my musing thought.
- 6 To thee my hands in humble pray'r,
I fervently stretch out ;
My soul for thy refreshment thirsts,
like land oppress'd with drought.
- 7 Hear me with speed ; my spirit fails ;
thy face no longer hide,
Lest I become forlorn, like them
that in the grave reside.
- 8 Thy kindness early let me hear,
whose trust on thee depends ;
Teach me the way where I should go :
my soul to thee ascends.
- 9 Do thou, O Lord, from all my foes
preserve, and set me free ;
A safe retreat against their rage,
my soul implores from thee.
- 10 Thou art my God, thy righteous will
instruct me to obey ;
Let thy good spirit lead and keep
my soul in thy right way.

11 O for the sake of thy great name
revive my drooping heart :

For thy truth's sake to me distress'd,
thy promis'd aid impart.

12 In pity to my suff'rings, Lord,
reduce my foes to shame ;

Slay them that persecute a soul
devoted to thy name.

P S A L M CXLIV.

FOR ever blest be God the Lord,
Who does his needful aid impart,
At once both strength and skill afford
'To wield my arms with warlike art.

2 His goodness is my fort and tow'r,
My strong deliv'rance and my shield :
In him I trust, whose matchless pow'r
Makes to my sway fierce nations yield.

3 Lord, what's in man, that thou should'st love
Such tender care of him to take ?

What in his offspring could thee move
Such great account of him to make ?

4 The life of man does quickly fade,
His thoughts but empty are and vain ;
His days are like a flying shade,
Of whose short stay no signs remain.

5 In solemn state, O God descend,
Whilst Heav'n it's lofty head inclines ;
The smoking hills asunder rend,
Of thy approach the awful signs.

6 Discharge thy dreadful light'ning round,
And make thy scatter'd foes retreat ;
Them with thy pointed arrows wound,
And their destruction soon compleat.

7, 8 Do

7, 8 Do thou, O Lord, from heav'n engage
Thy boundless pow'r my foes to quell,
And snatch me from the stormy rage
Of threat'ning waves that proudly swell.
Fight thou against my foreign foes,
Who utter speeches false and vain ;
Who tho' in solemn leagues they close,
Their sworn engagements ne'er maintain.

9 So I to thee, O king of kings,
In joyful hymns my voice shall raise,
And instruments of various strings
Shall help me thus to sing thy praise.

10 " God does to kings his aid afford,
" To them his sure salvation sends ;
" 'Tis he that from the murd'ring sword,
" His servant David still defends."

11 Fight thou against my foreign foes,
Who utter speeches false and vain ;
Who tho' in solemn leagues they close,
Their sworn engagements ne'er maintain.

12 Then our young sons like trees shall grow
Well planted in some fruitful place ;
Our daughters shall like pillars show,
Design'd some royal court to grace.

13 Our garners fill'd with various store,
Shall us and ours with plenty feed,
Our sheep increasing more and more,
Shall thousands and ten thousands breed.

14 Strong shall our lab'ring oxen grow,
Nor in their constant labour faint ;
Whilst we no war nor slav'ry know,
And in our streets hear no complaint.

15 Thrice happy is that people's case,
 Whose various blessings thus abound :
 Who God's true worship still embrace,
 And are with his protection crown'd.

P S A L M CXLV.

1, **T**HEE I'll extol, my God and king,
 2 thy endless praise proclaim ;
 This tribute daily I will bring,
 and ever bless thy name.

3 Thou, Lord, beyond compare art great
 and highly to be prais'd ;
 Thy majesty, with boundless height,
 above our knowledge rais'd.

4 Renown'd for mighty acts, thy fame
 to future-times extends ;
 From age to age thy glorious name
 successively descends.

5, 6 Whilst I thy glory and renown,
 and wond'rous works express,
 The world with me thy might shall own
 and thy great pow'r confess.

7 The praise that to thy love belongs,
 they shall with joy proclaim ;
 Thy truth of all their grateful songs
 shall be the constant theme.

8 The Lord is good ; fresh acts of grace
 his pity still supplies ;
 His anger moves with slowest pace,
 his willing mercy flies.

9, 10 Thy love thro' earth extends its fame
 to all thy works express ;
 These shew thy praise, whilst thy great name
 is by thy servants blest.

11 They, with the glorious prospect fir'd,
 shall of thy kingdom speak ;
 And thy great pow'r, by all admir'd,
 their lofty subject make.

12 God's glorious works of antient date,
 shall thus to all be known ;
 And thus his kingdom's royal state,
 with public splendor shown.

13 His stedfast throne, from changes free,
 shall stand for ever fast ;
 His boundless sway no end shall see,
 but time itself out-last.

P A R T II.

14, 15 The Lord does them support that fall,
 and makes the prostrate rise ;
 For his kind aid all creatures call,
 who timely food supplies.

16 Whate'er their various wants require,
 with open hands he gives ;
 And so fulfills the just desire
 of ev'ry thing that lives.

17, 18 How holy is the Lord ! how just !
 how righteous all his ways !
 How nigh to him, who with firm trust
 for his assistance prays !

19 He grants the full desires of those
 who him with fear adore ;
 And will their troubles soon compose,
 when they his aid implore.

20 The Lord preserves all those with care :
 whom grateful love employs :
 But sinners, who his vengeance dare,
 with furious rage destroys.

21 My time to come, in praises spent,
 shall still advance his fame,
 And all mankind with one consent
 for ever bless his name.

P S A L M CXLVI.

1 **O** Praise the Lord and thou my soul,
 2 for ever bless his name :

His wond'rous love, while life shall last,
 my constant praise shall claim.

3 On kings, the greatest sons of men,
 let none for aid rely :

They cannot save in dang'rous times,
 nor timely help apply.

4 Depriv'd of breath, to dust they turn,
 and there neglected lye,

And all their thoughts and vain designs
 together with them die.

5 Then happy he, who Jacob's God
 for his protection takes ;

Who still, with well plac'd hope, the Lord
 his constant refuge makes.

6 The Lord, who made both heav'n and earth
 and all that they contain,

Will never quit his stedfast truth,
 nor make his promise vain.

7 The poor oppress'd, from all their wrongs
 are eas'd by his decree ;

He gives the hungry needful food,
 and sets the pris'ners free.

8 By him the blind receive their sight,
 the weak and fall'n he rears :

With kind regard and tender love,
 he for the righteous cares.

9 The strangers he preserves from harm,
the orphan kindly treats,
Defends the widow, and the wiles
of wicked men defeats.

10 The God, that does in Sion dwell,
is our eternal king :
From age to age his reign endures,
let all his praises sing.

P S A L M CXLVII.

1 **O** Praise the Lord with hymns of joy,
and celebrate his fame !

For pleasant, good, and comely 'tis
to praise his holy name.

2 His holy city God will build,
tho' level'd with the ground :
Bring back his people, tho' dispers'd
thro' all the nations round.

3, 4 He kindly heals the broken hearts,
and all their wounds does close ;
He tells the numbers of the stars,
their several names he knows.

5, 6 Great is the Lord, and great his pow'r,
his wisdom has no bound ;

The meek he raises, and throws down
the wicked to the ground.

7 To God, the Lord, a hymn of praise
with grateful voices sing ;

To songs of triumph tune the harp,
and strike each warbling string.

8 He covers heav'n with clouds, and thence
refreshing rain bestows :

Thro' him, on mountain tops, the grass
with wond'rous plenty grows.

9 He,

- 9 He, savage beasts that loosely range,
with timely food supplies ;
He feeds the ravens tender brood,
and stops their hungry cries.
- 10 He values not the warlike steed,
but does his strength disdain ;
The nimble foot that swiftly runs,
no prize from him can gain.
- 11 But he, to him that fears his name,
his tender love extends ;
To him that on his boundless grace
with steadfast hope depends.
- 12, 13 Let Sion and Jerusalem
to God their praise address ;
Who fenc'd their gates with massy bars,
and does their children bless.
- 14, 15 Thro' all their borders he gives peace
with finest wheat they're fed ;
He speaks the word, and what he wills
is done as soon as said.
- 16 Large flakes of snow, like fleecy wool,
descend at his command ;
And hoary frost, like ashes spread,
is scatter'd o'er the land.
- 17 When join'd to these he does his hail
in little morsels break,
Who can against his piercing cold
secure defences make ?
- 18 He sends his word, which melts the ice :
he makes his wind to blow,
And soon the streams, congeal'd before,
in plenteous currents flow.

19 By him his statutes and decrees
to Jacob's sons were shown ;
And still to Iſr'el's choſen ſeed
his righteous laws are known.

20 No other nation this can boaſt,
nor did he e'er afford
To heathen lands his oracles,
and knowledge of his word.

Hallelujah.

P S A L M CXLVIII.

1, 2 **Y**E boundleſs realms of joy,
Exalt your Maker's fame :

His praiſe your ſong employ
Above the ſtarry frame :

Your voices raiſe,
Ye ch'erubim
And ſeraphim,
To ſing his praiſe.

3, 4 Thou moon that rul'ſt the night,
and ſun that guid'ſt the day,

Ye glitt'ring ſtars of light,
To him your homage pay :

His praiſe declare,
Ye heav'ns above,
And clouds that move
In liquid air.

5, 6 Let them adore the Lord,
And praiſe his holy name,

By whoſe almighty word
They all from nothing came :

And all ſhall laſt,
From changes free :
His firm decree
Stands ever faſt.

7, 8 Let

7, 8 Let earth her tribute pay ;
Praise him ye dreadful whales,
And fish that through the sea
Glide swift with glitt'ring scales :
Fire, hail, and snow,
And misty air,
And winds that where
He bids them blow.

9, 10 By hills and mountains (all
In grateful consort join'd)
By cedars stately tall,
And trees for fruit design'd :
By ev'ry beast,
And creeping thing,
And fowl of wing
His name be blest.

11, 12 Let all of royal birth,
With those of humbler frame,
And judges of the earth,
His matchless praise proclaim.
In this design
Let youths with maids,
And hoary heads
With children join.

13 United zeal be shown,
His wond'rous fame to raise,
Whose glorious name alone
Deserves our endless praise.
Earth's utmost ends
His pow'r obey :
His glorious sway
The sky transcends.

14 His chosen saints to grace,
 He sets them up on high,
 And favours Isr'el's race,
 Who still to him are nigh.
 O therefore raise
 Your grateful voice,
 And still rejoice
 The Lord to praise.

P S A L M CXLIX.

1, 2 **O** Praise ye the Lord,
 prepare your glad voice,
 His praise in the great
 assembly to sing.
 In our great Creator
 let Isr'el rejoice,
 And children of Sion
 be glad in their king.

3, 4 Let them his great name
 extol in the dance ;
 With timbrel and harp
 his praises express,
 Who always takes pleasure
 his saints to advance,
 And with his salvation
 the humble to bless.

5, 6 With glory adorn'd,
 his people shall sing
 To God, who their beds
 with safety does shield ;
 Their mouths fill'd with praises
 of him their great king ;
 Whilst a two-edged sword
 their right hand shall wield.

7, 8 Just

7, 8 Just vengeance to take
for injuries past ;
To punish those lands
for ruin design'd ;
With chains, as their captives,
to tie their kings fast,
With fetters of iron
their nobles to bind.

9 Thus shall they make good,
when them they destroy,
The dreadful decree
which God does proclaim :
Such honour and triumph
his saints shall enjoy,
O therefore for ever
exalt his great name !

P S A L M CL.

O Praise the Lord in that blest place,
From whence his goodness largely flows ;
Praise him in heav'n, where he his face
Unveil'd in perfect glory shows.

2 Praise him for all the mighty acts,
Which he on our behalf has done ;
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.

3 Let the shrill trumpet's warlike voice
Make rocks and hills his praise rebound ;
Praise him with harp's melodious noise,
And gentle psalt'ry's silver sound.

4 Let virgin troops soft timbrels bring,
And some with graceful motion dance ;
Let instruments of various strings,
With organs join'd, his praise advance.

5 Let them who joyful hymns compose,
To cymbals set their songs of praise ;
Cymbals of common use, and those
That loudly sound on solemn days.

6 Let all that vital breath enjoy,
The breath he does to them afford,
In just returns of praise employ :
Let ev'ry creature praise the Lord.

T H E E N D.

G L O R I A P A T R I, &c.

Common Measure.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

As Psalm 25.

TO God the Father, Son,
and spirit glory be ;
As 'twas and is, and shall be so
to all eternity.

As the 100th Psalm.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom earth and heav'n adore,
Be glory as it was of old,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

As Psalm 37, and last part of the 113th
Psalm Tune.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n's triumphant
And suff'ring saints on earth adore, [host,
Be

Be glory as in ages past,
And now it is, and so shall last,
When time itself must be no more.

As Psalm 148.

TO God the Father, Son,
And spirit ever blest'd,
Eternal three in one,
All worship be address'd,
As heretofore
It was, is now,
And shall be so
For evermore.

As Psalm 149.

BY angels in heav'n
of ev'ry degree,
And saints upon earth,
All praise be address'd
To God in three persons,
One God ever blest'd ;
And it has been, now is,
And always shall be.

To be sung to any double Tune in the com-
mon Measure.

TO God, our benefactor, bring
The tribute of your praise ;
Too small for an almighty king,
But all that we can raise.

Glory to thee, blest'd three in one,
The God whom we adore ;
As was, and is, and shall be done,
When time shall be no more.

The

The PSALMIST'S Prayer for the CHURCH.

Common Measure.

LORD, bless thy people, who to thee
do all their safety owe ;
Feed thou thy flock, and raise them up,
when they are fallen low.

Another.

Delight to bless thy people, Lord,
defend and succour them ;
Do good to Sion, build the walls
of thy Jerusalem.

As the 100th Psalm.

THY people whom thou lov'st, delight
To bless, defend and succour them ;
Do good to Sion, Lord, and build
The walls of thy Jerusalem.

Another.

OH ! may thy church, thy turtle dove,
Mournful, yet chaste, thy pity move :
To birds of prey expose her not,
Tho' poor, too dear to be forgot.

As Psalm XXV.

LET Sion favour find,
of thy good will assur'd ;
And thy own city flourish long,
by lofty walls secur'd.

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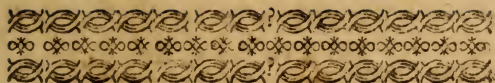
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HYMN I.

Rev. V. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.

- B**EHOLD the glories of the Lamb
amidst his Father's throne :
Prepare new honors for his name,
and songs before unknown.
- 2 Let elders worship at his feet,
the church adore around,
With vials full of odours sweet,
with harps of sweetest sound.
- 3 Those are the offer'd pray'rs of saints,
and these the hymns they raise :
Jesus is kind to our complaints,
he loves to hear our praise.
- 4 Now to the lamb that once was slain,
be endless blessings paid :
Salvation, glory, joy remain
for ever on thy head.
- 5 Thou hast redeem'd our souls with blood:
hast set the pris'ners free,
Hast made us kings and priests to God,
and we shall reign with thee.
- 6 The world's of nature and of grace
are put beneath thy pow'r ;
'Then shorten these delaying day,
and bring the promis'd hour.

HYMN

H Y M N II.

Isa. LV. 1, 2, &c.

1 **L**ET ev'ry mortal ear attend,
and ev'ry heart rejoice,
The trumpet of the gospel sounds
with an inviting voice.

2 Ho ! all ye hungry starving souls,
that feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
to fill an empty mind :

3 Eternal wisdom has prepar'd
a soul-reviving feast,
And bids your longing appetites
the rich provision taste.

4 Ho ! ye that pant for living streams,
and pine away and die ;
Here you may quench your raging thirst
with springs that never dry ;

5 Rivers of love and mercy here
in a rich ocean join ;
Salvation in abundance flows,
like floods of milk and wine.

6 Ye perishing and naked poor,
who work with mighty pain,
To weave a garment of your own,
that will not hide your sin ;

7 Come naked and adorn your souls
with robes prepar'd by God,
Wrought by the labours of his Son,
and dy'd in his own blood.

8 Dear Lord ! the treasures of thy love
are everlasting mines,
Deep as our helpless miseries are,
and boundless as our sins.

9 The.

6 The happy gates of gospel-grace
stand open night and day ;
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
and drive our wants away.

H Y M N III.

Isai. XXVI, 1—5.

- 1 **H**OW honorable is the place
where we adoring stand,
Sion, the glory of the earth,
and beauty of the land !
- 2 Bulwarks of mighty grace defend
the city where we dwell ;
The walls of strong salvation made,
defy th' assaults of hell.
- 3 Lift up the everlasting gates,
the doors wide open fling ;
Enter ye nations that obey
the statutes of our king.
- 4 Here shall you taste unmingled joys,
and live in perfect peace ;
You that have known Jehovah's name,
and ventur'd on his grace.
- 5 Trust in the Lord, for ever trust,
and banish all your fears ;
Strength in the Lord, Jehovah dwells,
eternal as the years.

H Y M N IV.

Isa. LV. 1, 2. Zech. XIII. 1. Mic. VII. 19 &c.

- 1 **I**N vain we lavish out our lives
to gather empty wind,
The choicest blessings earth can yield
will starve a hungry mind.

2 Come, and the Lord shall feed our souls
with more substantial meat :

With such as saints in glory love,
with such as angels eat.

3 Our God will every want supply,
and fill our hearts with peace ;
He gives by cov'nant and by oath
the riches of his grace.

4 Come, and he'll cleanse our spotted souls
and wash away our stains
In the dear fountain that his Son
pour'd from his dying veins.

5 Our guilt shall vanish all away,
tho' black as hell before ;
Our sins shall sink beneath the sea,
and shall be found no more.

6 And lest pollution should o'respread
our inward powr's again,
His spirit shall bedew our souls
like purifying rain.

7 Our heart, that flinty stubborn thing,
that terrors cannot move,
That fears no threat'nings of his wrath,
shall be dissolv'd by love.

8 Or he can take the flint away,
that would not be refin'd,
And from the treasures of his grace
bestow a softer mind.

9 There shall his sacred spirit dwell,
and deep engrave his law,
And ev'ry motion of our souls
to swift obedience draw.

10 Thus will he pour salvation down,
and we shall render praise ;
We the dear people of his love,
and he our God of grace.

H Y M N V.

Isa. LII. 7, 8, 9, 10. Matt. XIII. 16, 17.

HOW beauteous are their feet
who stand on Sion's hill,
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
and words of peace reveal !

2 How charming is their voice !
how sweet the tidings are !

“ Sion behold thy saviour king,
“ he reigns and triumphs here.

3 How happy are our ears,
that hear this joyful sound,

Which kings and prophets waited for,
and sought but never found !

4 How blessed are our eyes,
that see this heav'nly light ;

Prophets and kings desir'd it long,
but dy'd without the sight !

5 The watchmen join their voice,
and tuneful notes employ ;

Jerusalem breaks forth with songs,
and desarts learn the joy.

6 The Lord makes bare his arm
thro' all the earth abroad ;

Let ev'ry nation now behold
their Saviour and their God.

H Y M N VI.

1 Pet. I. 3, 4, 5.

BLEST be the everlasting God,
 the Father of our Lord ;
 Be his abounding mercy prais'd,
 his majesty ador'd.

2 When from the dead he rais'd his Son,
 and call'd him to the sky,
 He gave our souls a lively hope
 that they should never die.

3 What tho' our inbred sins require
 our flesh to see the dust,
 Yet as the Lord our Saviour rose,
 so all his followers must.

4 There's an inheritance divine
 reserv'd against that day,
 'Tis uncorrupted, undefil'd,
 and cannot waste away.

5 Saints by the pow'r of God are kept,
 'till the salvation come ;
 We walk by faith as strangers here,
 'till Christ shall call us home.

H Y M N VII.

Isa. XXVI. 8,——20.

1 **I**N thine own ways, O God of love,
 We wait the visits of thy grace ;
 Our soul's desire is to thy name,
 And the remembrance of thy face.

2 My thoughts are searching, Lord, for thee
 Amongst the shades of lonesome night :
 My earnest pray'rs ascend the skies
 Before the dawn restores the light.

3 Look how rebellious men, deride
The tender patience of my God ;
But they shall see thy lifted hand,
And feel the scourges of thy rod.

4 Hark ! the eternal rends the sky,
A mighty voice before him goes,
A voice of musick to his friends,
But threat'ning thunder to his foes.

5 Come, children, to your Fathers arms
Hide in the chambers of my grace,
'Till the fierce storms be overblown,
And my revenging fury cease.

H Y M N VIII.

Isa. XL. 27, 28, 29, 30.

1 **W**Hence do our mournful thro'ts arise?
and where's our courage fled ?

Has restless sin and raging hell
struck all our comforts dead ?

2 Have we forgot th' almighty name
that form'd the earth and sea ?

And can an all-creating arm
grow weary or decay.

3 Treasures of everlasting might
In our Jehovah dwell ;

He gives the conquest to the weak,
and treads their foes to hell.

4 Mere mortal pow'r shall fade and die,
and youthful vigour cease,

But we that wait upon the Lord
shall feel our strength increase.

5 The saints shall mount on eagle's wings
and taste the promis'd bliss,
'Till their unwearied feet arrive
where perfect pleasure is.

H Y M N IX.

Isa. XLIX. 13, 14, &c.

- 1 **N**OW shall my inward joy arise,
and burst into a song ;
Almighty love inspires my heart,
and pleasure tunes my tongue.
- 2 God on his thirsty Sion-hill
some mercy drops has thrown,
And solemn oaths have bound his love
to show'r salvation down.
- 3 Why do we then indulge our fears,
suspicions and complaints ;
Is he a God, and shall his grace
grow weary of his saints ?
- 4 Can a kind woman e'er forget
the infant of her womb,
Among a thousand tender thoughts
her suckling have no room ?
- 5 " Yet, saith the Lord, should nature change,
" and mothers monsters prove,
" Sion still dwells upon the heart,
" of everlasting love.
- 6 " Deep on the palms of both my hands
" I have engrav'd her name ;
" My hands shall raise her ruin'd walls
" and build her broken frame."

H Y M N X.

Rev. VII, 13, &c.

THese glorious minds how bright they shine
whence all their white array ?

How come they to the happy seats
of everlasting day ?

2 From tort'ring pains to endless joys
on fiery wheels they rode,

And strangely wash'd their raiment white
in Jesus' dying blood.

3 Now they approach a spotless God,
and bow before his throne,

Their warbling harps and sacred songs
adore the holy One.

4 The unveil'd glories of his face
amongst his saints reside,

While the rich treasure of his grace,
fees all their wants supply'd.

5 Tormenting thirst shall leave their souls
and hunger flee as fast ;

The fruit of life's immortal tree
shall be their sweet repast.

6 The Lamb shall lead his heav'nly flock
where living fountains rise,

And love divine shall wipe away
the sorrows of their eyes.

H Y M N XI.

Rev. XV. 3, &c.

1 **W**E sing the glories of thy love,
we found thy dreadful name ;

The christian church unites the songs
of Moses and the Lamb.

2 Great

- 2 Great God, how wond'rous are thy works
of vengeance and of grace !
Thou king of saints, almighty Lord,
how just and true thy ways !
- 3 Who dares refuse to fear thy name,
or worship at thy throne ?
Thy judgments speak thine holiness
thro' all the nations known.

H Y M N XII.

Joh. XVI. 16. Luke XXII. 19. Joh. XIV. 3.

- 1 **J**ESUS is gone above the skies,
Where our weak senses reach him not,
And carnal objects court our eyes
To thrust our Saviour from our thought.
- 2 He knows what wand'ring hearts we have,
Apt to forget his lovely face,
And to refresh our minds he gave
These kind memorials of his grace.
- 3 The Lord of life this table spread
With his own flesh and dying blood ;
We on the rich provision feed,
And taste the wine, and bless our God.
- 4 Let sinful sweets be all forgot,
And earth grow less in our esteem ;
Christ and his love fill ev'ry thought,
And faith and hope be fix'd on him.
- 5 While he is absent from our sight,
'Tis to prepare our souls a place,
That we may dwell in heav'nly light,
And live for ever near his face.

6 Our eyes look upwards to the hills
Whence our returning Lord shall come ;
We wait thy chariots awful wheels
To fetch our longing spirits home.

H Y M N XIII.

Luke XIV. 17, 22, 23.

1 **H**OW sweet and awful is the place
with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores !

2 Here ev'ry bowel of our God
with soft compassion rolls,
Here peace and pardon bought with blood,
is food for dying souls.

3 While all our hearts, and all our songs,
join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry with thankful tongues,
“ Lord, why was I a guest ?

4 “ Why was I made to hear thy voice,
and enter while there's room ;

“ When thousands make a wretched choice,
“ and rather starve than come !

5 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly forc'd us in,
Ere we had still refus'd to taste,
and perish'd in our sin.

6 Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come ;
Send thy victorious word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

- 7 We long to see thy churches full,
 that all the chosen race,
 May with one voice, and heart, and soul,
 sing thy redeeming grace.

H Y M N XIV.

Solomon's Song I. 7.

- 1 **T**HOU whom my soul admires above
 All earthly joys and earthly love,
 Tell me dear shepherd, let me know
 Where doth thy sweetest pasture grow ?
 2 Where is the shadow of that rock,
 That from the sun defends thy flock ?
 Fain would I feed among thy sheep,
 Among them rest, among them sleep.
 3 Why should thy bride appear like one
 That turns aside to paths unknown ?
 My constant feet would never rove,
 Would never seek another love.
 4 The footsteps of thy flock I see ;
 Thy sweetest pastures here they be ;
 A wond'rous feast thy love prepares,
 Bought with thy wounds, & groans & tears.
 5 His dearest flesh he makes my food,
 And bids me drink his richest blood :
 Here to these hills my soul will come,
 Till my beloved lead me home.

H Y M N XV.

Solomon's Song II. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

- 1 **T**HE voice of my beloved sounds
 Over the rocks and rising grounds ;
 O'er hills of guilt, and seas of grief,
 He leaps, he flies to my relief.

2 Now thro' the veil of flesh I see
 With eyes of love he looks at me ;
 Now in the gospel's clearest glass
 He shows the beauties of his face.

3 Gently he draws my heart along,
 Both with his beauties and his tongue :
 " Rise," saith my Lord, " make haste away,
 " No mortal joys are worth thy stay.
 4 " The Jewish wintry state is gone,
 " The mists are fled, the spring comes on,
 " The sacred turtle-dove we hear
 " Proclaim the new the joyful year.
 5 " 'Th' immortal vine of heav'nly root,
 " Blossoms and buds, and gives her fruit."
 Lo, we are come to taste the wine :
 Our souls rejoice and bless the vine.
 6 And when we hear our Jesus say,
 " Rise up my love, make haste away " !
 Our hearts would fain out-fly the wind,
 And leave all earthly loves behind.

H Y M N XVI.

Solomon's Song III. 2, 11.

1 **D**ughters of Sion, come, behold
 The crown of honor and of gold,
 Which the glad church with joys unknown
 Plac'd on the head of Solomon.
 2 Jesus, thou everlasting king,
 Accept the tribute which we bring :
 Accept the well-deserv'd renown,
 And wear our praises as thy crown.
 3 Let every act of worship be
 Like our espousals, Lord, to thee ;

Like

Like the dear hour when from above
We first receiv'd thy pledge of love.

4 The gladness of that happy day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay;
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comfort sink, nor love grow cold.

5 Still may each minute as it flies,
Increase thy praise, improve our joys,
'Till we are rais'd to sing thy name
At the great supper of the lamb.

6 O that the months would roll away,
And bring that coronation-day!
'The king of grace shall fill the throne
With all his Father's glories on.

H Y M N XVII.

Isa. LVII. 15, 16.

1 **T**HUS saith the high and lofty One,
" I sit upon my holy throne :

" My name is God, I dwell on high ;

" Dwell in my own eternity .

2 " But I descend to worlds below,

" On earth I have a mansion too ;

" The humble spirit and contrite

" Is an abode of my delight.

3 " The humble soul my words revive ;

" I bid the mourning sinner live ;

" Heal all the broken hearts I find,

" And ease the sorrows of the mind.

4 " When I contend against their sin,

" I make them know how vile they've been ;

" But should my wrath for ever smoke,

" Their souls would sink beneath my stroke.

5 O may thy pard'ning grace be nigh,
 Lest we should faint, despair and die !
 Thus shall our better thoughts approve
 The methods of thy chast'ning love.

H Y M N XVIII.

Matt. V. 3———12.

1 **B**LEST are the humble souls that see
 Their emptiness and poverty ;
 Treasures of grace to them are giv'n,
 And crowns of joy laid up in heav'n.
 2 Blest are the men of broken heart,
 Who mourn for sin with inward smart ;
 The blood of Christ divinely flows
 A healing balm for all their woes.

3 Blest are the meek, who stand afar
 From rage and passion, noise and war ;
 God will secure their happy state,
 And plead their cause against the great.

4 Blest are the souls that thirst for grace,
 Hunger and long for righteousness ;
 They shall be well supply'd and fed
 With living streams and living bread.

5 Blest are the men whose bowels move
 And melt with sympathy and love ;
 From Christ the Lord they shall obtain
 Like sympathy and love again :

6 Blest are the pure, whose hearts are clean
 From the defiling pow'rs of sin ;
 With endless pleasure they shall see
 A God of spotless purity.

7 Blest are the men of peaceful life,
 Who quench the coals of growing strife ;

They shall be call'd the heirs of bliss,
 The sons of God, the God of peace.
 8 Blest are the suff'ers who partake
 Of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;
 Their souls shall triumph in the Lord,
 Glory and joy are their reward.

H Y M N XIX.

2 Tim. I. 12.

1 **I**'M not asham'd to own my Lord,
 or to defend his cause,
 Maintain the honor of his word,
 the glory of his cross.
 2 Jesus, my God! I know his name,
 his name is all my trust;
 Nor will he put my soul to shame,
 nor let my hope be lost.
 3 Firm as his throne his promise stands;
 and he can well secure
 What I've committed to his hands,
 till the decisive hour.
 4 'Then will he own my worthless name
 before his Father's face,
 And in the new Jerusalem
 appoint my soul a place.

H Y M N XX.

2 Cor. 1, 5——8.

1 **T**Here is a house not made with hands,
 eternal and on high,
 And here my spirit waiting stands
 till God shall bid it fly.
 2 Shortly this prison of my clay
 must be dissolv'd and fall;
 Then, O my soul, with joy obey
 thy heav'nly Father's call.

- 3 'Tis he by his almighty grace
that forms thee fit for heav'n,
And as an earnest of the place
has his own spirit giv'n.
- 4 We walk by faith of joys to come,
faith lives upon his word ;
But while the body is our home
we're absent from the Lord.
- 5 'Tis pleasant to believe thy grace
but we had rather see ;
We would be absent from the flesh
and present, Lord with thee.

H Y M M XXI.

Mat. XXI. 37.—40.

- T**HUS faith the first, the great command,
“ Let all thy inward pow'rs unite
“ To love thy Maker, and thy God,
“ With utmost vigour and delight.
- 2 “ Then shall thy neighbour next in place
“ Share thine affections and esteem,
“ And let thy kindness to thyself
“ Measure and rule thy love to him.”
- 3 This is the sense that Moses spoke,
This did the prophets preach and prove ;
For want of this the law is broke,
And the whole law's fulfill'd by love.
- 4 But O ! how base our passions are !
How cold our charity and zeal !
Lord, fill our souls with heav'nly fire,
Or we shall ne'er perform thy will.

H Y M N XXII.

Matt. XI. 28, — 30.

- 1 " **C**OME hither all you weary souls,
 " ye heavy laden sinners come,
 " I'll give you rest from all your toils,
 " And raise you to my heav'nly home.
 2 " They shall find rest that learn of me ;
 " I'm of a meek and lowly mind ;
 " But passion rages like the sea,
 " And pride is restless as the wind.
 3 " Bless'd is the man whose shoulders take
 " My yoke, and bear it with delight ;
 " My yoke is easy to his neck,
 " My grace shall make the burden light."
 4 Jesus, we come, at thy command,
 With faith and hope, and humble zeal,
 Resign our spirits to thy hand,
 To mould and guide us at thy will.

H Y M N XXIII.

Luke I. 68, &c.

- 1 **N**OW blest be Isr'el's Lord and God,
 whose mercy at our need
 Has visited his people's grief,
 and them from bondage freed :
 2 And rais'd in faithful David's house
 salvation which of old,
 E'er since the world itself began,
 his prophets had foretold.
 3 To save us from our spiteful foes,
 and keep his oath in mind,
 Which he to Abr'am heretofore,
 and to our fathers sign'd.

- 4 That we from fear and danger freed,
his temple may frequent ;
And all our days, as in his sight,
in holy life be spent.
- 5 And thou, O child, shalt then be call'd
God's prophet to declare
His message, and before his face
his passage to prepare.
- 6 To give them light who now in shades
of night and death abide :
And in the way that leads to peace
our footsteps safely guide.

H Y M N XXIV.

Luke I. 46, &c.

- 1 **M**Y soul and spirit fill'd with joy,
my God and Saviour praise ;
Whole goodness did from poor estate
his humble hand-maid raise.
- 2 Me blest of God, the God of pow'r,
all ages shall confess,
Whose name is holy, and whose love
his saints shall ever bless.
- 3 The proud, and all their vain designs,
he quickly did confound :
He cast the mighty from their seat,
the meek and humble crown'd.
- 4 The hungry with good things are fill'd
the rich with hunger pin'd :
He sent his servant Isr'el help,
and call'd his love to mind ;
- 5 Which to our fathers heretofore,
by oath he did ensure ;
To Abr'am and his chosen seed,
for ever to endure.

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H Y M N XXV.

Luke II. 29.

- 1 **L**ORD let thy servant now depart
 into thy promis'd rest,
 Since my expecting eyes have been
 with thy salvation blest :
- 2 Which, 'till this time, thy favour'd saints,
 and prophets, only knew,
 Long since prepar'd, but now set forth
 in all the people's view.
- 3 A light to shew the heathen world
 the way to saving grace :
 But O ! the light and glory both
 of Isr'el's chosen race.

H Y M N XXVI.

Luke II. 8,—15.

- W**Hile shepherds watch their flocks by
 all seated on the ground, [night
 The angel of the Lord came down,
 and glory shone around.
- 2 “ Fear not, said he, (for mighty dread
 “ had seiz'd their troubled mind :)
 “ Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 “ to you and all mankind.
- 3 “ To you in David's town, this day
 “ is born of David's line
 “ The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord ;
 “ and this shall be the sign.

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4 "The heav'nly babe you there shall find
 "to human view display'd,
 "All meanly wrapt in swathing bands,
 "and in a manger laid."

5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
 appear'd a shining throng
 Of angels, praising God, and thus
 address their joyful song ;

6 "All glory be to God on high ;
 "and to the earth be peace ;
 "Good-will henceforth from heav'n to men,
 "begin and never cease."

H Y M N XXVII.

I Cor. 5. 7. Rom. 6, 9, &c.

1 **S**INCE Christ our passover is slain
 a sacrifice for all ;

Let all with thankful hearts agree
 to keep the festival :

2 Not with the leaven, as of old,
 of sin and malice fed ;

But with unfeign'd sincerity,
 and truth's unleaven'd bread.

3 Christ being rais'd by pow'r divine,
 and rescu'd from the grave,
 Shall die no more, death shall on him
 no more dominion have ;

4 For that he dy'd, 'twas for our sins
 he once vouchsaf'd to die,
 But that he lives, he lives to God,
 for all eternity.

5 So count yourselves as dead to sin,
 but graciously restor'd,
 And made henceforth alive to God,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

H Y M N XXVIII.

1 **O** GOD, we praise thee, and conf
 that thou thee only Lord,
 And everlasting Father art
 by all the earth ador'd.

2 To thee all angels cry aloud,
 to thee the pow'rs on high,
 Both cherubim and seraphim,
 continually do cry ;

3 O holy, holy, holy Lord,
 whom heav'nly hosts obey ;
 The world is with thy glory fill'd
 of thy majestic sway.

4 Th' apostles glorious company,
 and prophets crown'd with light,
 With all the martyrs noble host,
 thy constant praise recite.

5 The holy church throughout the wo
 O Lord, confesses thee,
 That thou, eternal Father art
 of boundless majesty :

6 Thy honour'd true and only Son,
 and Holy Ghost the spring
 Of never-ceasing joy ; O Christ
 of glory thou art king.

7 The Father's everlasting Son,
 thou from on high didst come.

To save mankind, and didst not then
disdain the virgin's womb,
8 And having overcome the sting
of death, thou open'st wide
The gates of heav'n to all, who firm
in thy belief abide.

P A R T II.

- 9 Crown'd with the Father's glory thou
at God's right hand do'st sit ;
Whence thou shalt come to be our Judge,
to sentence or acquit.
10 O therefore save thy servants, Lord,
whose souls so dearly cost ;
Nor let the purchase of thy blood,
thy precious blood, be lost.
11 We magnify thee day by day ;
and ever worship thee,
Vouchsafe to keep us, Lord, this day
from sin and danger free.
12 Have mercy, mercy, on us Lord I
to us thy grace extend,
According as for mercy we
on thee alone depend.
13 In thee I have repos'd my trust,
and ever shall do so ;
Preserve me then from ruin here,
and from eternal woe.

H Y M N XXIX.

Rev. IV. 11. and V. 9. &c.

THOU God, all glory, honour, pow'r
art worthy to receive :

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Since all things by thy pow'r were made,
and by thy bounty live.

2 And worthy is the Lamb all pow'r,
honour and wealth to gain,

Glory and strength, who for our sins
a sacrifice was slain.

3 All worthy thou, who hast redeem'd,
and ransom'd us to God,

From ev'ry nation, ev'ry coast,
by thy most precious blood,

4 Blessing and honour, glory, pow'r,
by all in earth and heav'n,

To him that sits upon the throne,
and to the Lamb be giv'n.

H Y M N XXX.

Rev. XIX. 5, &c.

1 **A**LL ye who faithful servants are
of our almighty king,
Both high and low, and small and great
his praise devoutly sing.

2 Let us rejoice, and render thanks
to his most holy name ;

Rejoice, rejoice, for now is come
the marriage of the Lamb.

3 His bridè herself has ready made,
how pure and white her dress !

Which is the saints integrity
and spotless holiness.

4 O therefore blest is ev'ry one,
who to the marriage feast,

And holy supper of the Lamb
is cali'd a welcome guest.

HYMN

H Y M N XXXI.

Matt. VI. 9, &c.

- 1 **O**UR Father who in heaven art,
 all hallowed be thy name ;
 Thy kingdom come ; thy will be done,
 throughout this earthly frame.
- 2 As cheerfully as 'tis by those
 who dwell with thee on high ;
 Lord, let thy bounty day by day
 our daily food supply ;
- 3 As we forgive our enemies,
 thy pardon, Lord, we crave ;
 Into temptation lead us not,
 but us from evil save.
- 4 For kingdom, pow'r and glory, all
 belong, O Lord, to thee ;
 Thine from eternity they were,
 and thine shall ever be.

H Y M N XXXII.

1 Cor. XV. 2, 21. Colos. III. 1.

- C**hrist from the dead is rais'd and made
 the first-fruits of the tomb ;
 For, as by man came death, by man
 did resurrection come.
- 2 For, as in Adam all mankind
 did guilt and death derive ;
 So, by the righteousness of Christ,
 shall all be made alive.
- 3 If then ye risen are with Christ,
 seek only how to get
 The things that are above, where Christ
 at God's right hand is set.

HYMN

HYMN XXXIII.

Another Version of Luke II. 8, &c.

- “ **S** Hepherds, rejoice, lift up your eyes,
 “ and send your fears away :
 “ News from the region of the skies,
 “ Salvation’s born to day.
 2 “ Jesus, the God whom angels fear,
 “ comes down to dwell with you :
 “ To-day he makes his entrance here,
 “ but not as monarchs do.
 3 “ No gold nor purple swadling bands,
 “ nor royal shining things ;
 “ A manger for his cradle stands,
 “ and holds the king of kings.
 4 “ Go, shepherds, where the infants lies,
 “ and see his humble throne ;
 “ With tears of joy in all your eyes,
 “ go shepherds, kiss the son.”
 5 Thus Gabriel sang, and strait around
 the heavenly armies throng,
 They tune their harps to lofty sound,
 and thus conclude the song :
 6 “ Glory to God that reigns above,
 “ let peace surround the earth ;
 “ Mortals shall know their Maker’s love,
 “ at their Redeemer’s birth.”
 7 Lord ! and shall angels have their songs,
 and men no tunes to raise ?
 O may we lose these useless tongues
 when they forget to praise !
 8 Glory to God that reigns above,
 that pitied us forlorn,
 We join to sing our Maker’s love,
 for there’s a Saviour born.

H Y M N XXXIV.

Ecclef. XII. 1. &c.

- C**hildren, to your Creator, God,
 your early honours pay,
 While vanity and youthful blood
 would tempt your thoughts astray.
- 2 The memory of his mighty name,
 demands your first regard !
 Nor dare indulge a meaner flame,
 till you have lov'd the Lord.
- 3 Be wise, and make his favour sure
 before the mournful days,
 When youth and mirth are known no more,
 and life and strength decays.
- 4 No more the blessings of a feast
 shall relish on the tongue,
 The heavy ear forgets the taste
 and pleasure of a song.
- 5 Old age with all her dismal train,
 invades your golden years
 With sighs, and groans, and raging pain,
 and death that never spares.
- 6 What will you do when light departs,
 and leaves your withering eyes,
 Without one beam to cheer your hearts,
 from the superior skies ?
- 7 How will you meet God's frowning brow,
 or stand before his seat,
 While nature's old supporters bow,
 nor bear their tott'ring weight ?
- 8 Can you expect your feeble arms
 shall make a strong defence,
 When death, with terrible alarms,
 summons the pris'ner hence ?

- 9 The silver bands of nature burst,
and let the building fall;
The flesh goes down to mix with dust,
its vile original.
- 10 Laden with guilt (a heavy load)
uncleans'd and unforgiv'n,
The soul returns t' an angry God,
to be shut out from heav'n.

H Y M N XXXV.

Job. I. 21.

- 1 **N**AKED as from the earth we came,
and crept to life at first,
We to the earth return again,
and mingle with our dust.
- 2 The dear delights we here enjoy,
and fondly call our own,
Are but short favours borrow'd now,
to be repay'd anon.
- 3 'Tis God that lifts our comforts high,
or sinks them in the grave,
He gives, (and blessed be his name)
he takes but what he gave.
- 4 Peace, all our angry passions then,
let each rebellious sigh,
Be silent at his sovereign will,
and every murmer die.
- 5 If smiling mercy crown our lives,
it's praises shall be spread,
And we'll adore the justice too
that strikes our comforts dead.

H Y M N XXXVI.

Rom. VIII. 33. &c.

WHO shall the Lord's elect condemn ?
 'Tis God that justifies their souls,
 And mercy like a mighty stream,
 O'er all their sins divinely rolls.
 2 Who shall adjudge the saints to hell ?
 'Tis Christ that suffer'd in their stead,
 And the salvation to fulfil,
 Behold him rising from the dead.

3 He lives, he lives ! and sits above
 For ever interceding there ;
 Who shall divide us from his love,
 Or what shall tempt us to despair ?
 4 Shall persecution, or distress,
 Famine, or sword, or nakedness ?
 He that hath lov'd us, bears us thro',
 And makes us more than conquerors too.

5 Faith hath an over-coming power,
 It triumphs in the dying hour ;
 Christ is our life, our joy, our hope,
 Nor can we sink with such a prop.
 6 Not all that men on earth can do,
 Nor pow'rs on high, nor pow'rs below,
 Shall cause his mercy to remove,
 Or wean our hearts from Christ our love.

H Y M N XXXVII.

Psal. 49. 6, 9, Eccl. 8. Job. 3. 14, 15.

IN vain the wealthy mortals toil,
 And heap their shining dust in vain,
 Look down and scorn the humble poor,
 And boast their lofty hills of gain.

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2 Their golden cordials cannot ease
 Their pained hearts or aking heads,
 Nor fright nor bribe approaching death
 From glittering roofs and downy beds.

3 The ling'ring, the unwilling soul
 The dismal summons must obey,
 And bid a long, a sad farewell
 To the pale lump of lifeless clay.

4 Thence they are huddled to the grave,
 Where kings and slaves have equal thrones,
 Their bones without distinction lie
 Amongst the heap of meaner bones.

H Y M N XXXVIII.

Rev. V. 6, 7, 8, 9.

1 **A**LL mortal vanities be gone,
 Nor tempt my eyes nor tire my ears,
 Behold amidst th' eternal throne
 A vision of the Lamb appears.

2 Glory his fleecy robe adorns,
 Mark'd with the bloody death he bore ;
 Sev'n are his eyes, and sev'n his horns,
 To speak his wisdom and his pow'r.

3 Lo ! he receives a sealed book
 From him that sits upon the throne ;
 Jesus, my Lord, prevails to look
 On dark decrees, and things unknown.

4 All the assembling saints around
 Fall worshipping before the Lamb,
 And in new songs of gospel-sound
 Address their honors to his name.

5 The joy, the shout, the harmony,
 Flies o'er the everlasting hills.

“ Worthy

“ Worthy art thou alone” (they cry)
 “ To read the book, to loose the seals.”
 6 Our voices join the heav’nly strain,
 And with transporting pleasure sing,
 Worthy the Lamb, that once was slain,
 To be our teacher, and our king.

7 His words of prophecy reveal
 Eternal counsels, deep designs ;
 His grace and vengeance shall fulfil
 The peaceful and the dreadful lines.
 8 Thou hast redeem’d our souls from hell
 With thine invaluable blood ;
 And wretches that did once rebel
 Are now made fav’rites of their God.

9 Worthy for ever is the Lord,
 That dy’d for treason not his own,
 By ev’ry tongue to be ador’d,
 And dwell upon his Father’s throne.

H Y M N XXXIX.

2 Tim. IV. 6, 7, 8, 18.

1 **D**EATH may dissolve my body now,
 and bear my spirit home ;
 Why do my minutes move so slow,
 nor my salvation come ?
 2 With heav’nly weapons I have fought
 the battles of the Lord,
 Finish’d my course, and kept the faith,
 and wait the sure reward.
 3 God has laid up in heav’n for me
 a crown which cannot fade ;
 The righteous judge at that great day
 shall place it on my head.

- 4 Nor hath the king of grace decreed
this prize for me alone ;
But all that love, and long to see
th' appearance of his Son.
- 5 Jesus, the Lord, shall guard me safe
from ev'ry ill design ;
And to his heav'nly kingdom keep
this feeble soul of mine.
- 6 God is my everlasting aid,
and hell shall rage in vain ;
To him be highest glory paid,
and endless praise, Amen.

H Y M N XL.

Isa. LXIII. 1, 2, 3, &c.

- 1 **W**HAT mighty man, or mighty God,
comes travelling in state,
Along the Idomean road
away from Bozrah's gate !
- 2 The glory of his robes proclaim
'tis some victorious king :
- “ 'Tis I, the just, th' almighty One
“ that your salvation bring.”
- 3 Why, mighty Lord, thy saints enquire,
why thine apparel's red ?
And all thy vesture stain'd like those
who in the wine-press tread ?
- 4 “ I by myself have trod the press,
“ and crush'd by foes alone,
“ My wrath has struck the rebels dead,
“ my fury stamp'd them down.
- 5 “ 'Tis Edom's blood that dyes my robes
“ with joyful scarlet stains,
“ The

- “ The triumph that my raiment wears
 “ sprung from their bleeding veins.
 6 “ Thus shall the nations be destroy’d
 “ that dare insult my saints,
 “ I have an arm t’ avenge their wrongs,
 “ an ear for their complaints.

H Y M N XLI.

Nahum I. 1, 2, 3, &c.

- 1 **A**DORE and tremble, for our God
 is a consuming fire,
 His jealous eyes his wrath inflame,
 and raise his vengeance higher.
 2 Almighty vengeance how it burns ?
 how bright his fury glows !
 Vast magazines of plagues and storms
 lie treasur’d for his foes.
 3 Those heaps of wrath by slow degrees
 are forc’d into a flame,
 But kindled, oh ! how fierce they blaze !
 and rend all nature’s frame.
 4 At his approach the mountains flee,
 and seek a watry grave ;
 The frighted sea makes haste away,
 and shrinks up ev’ry wave.
 5 Thro’ the wide air the weighty rocks,
 are swift as hail-stones hur’d :
 Who dares engage his fiery rage,
 that shakes the solid world !
 6 Yet, mighty God, thy sov’reign grace,
 sits regent on the throne,
 The refuge of thy chosen race
 when wrath comes rushing down.

7 Thy hand shall on rebellious kings
 a fiery tempest pour,
 While we beneath thy shelt'ring wings
 thy just revenge adore.

H Y M N XLII.

Isa. XL. 28, 29, 30, 31.

1 **A** WAKE our souls (away our fears)
 Let ev'ry trembling tho't be gone
 Awake, and run the heav'nly race,
 And put a chearful courage on.
 2 True 'tis a strait and thorny road,
 And mortal spirits tire and faint,
 But they forget the mighty God
 That feeds the strength of ev'ry saint.

3 The mighty God whose matchless pow'r
 Is ever new and ever young,
 And firm enduers while endless years
 Their everlasting circles run.

4 From thee the overflowing spring,
 Our souls shall drink a fresh supply,
 While such as trust their native strength
 Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
 We'll mount aloft to thine abode,
 On wings of love our souls shall fly,
 Nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

I Y M N XLIII.

Jud. XXIV. 25.

1 **T**O God the only wise
 our Saviour, and our king,
 Let all the saints below the skies
 their humble praises bring.

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2 'Tis his almighty love,
his counsel and his care,
Preserves us safe from sin and death,
and ev'ry hurtful snare.

3 He will present our souls
unblemish'd and compleat,
Before the glory of his face,
with joys divinely great.

4 Then all the chosen seed
shall meet around the throne,
Shall bless the conduct of his grace,
and make his wonders known.

5 To our Redeemer God
wisdom and pow'r belongs,
Immortal crowns of majesty,
and everlasting songs.

H Y M N XLIV.

Rev. XI. 7.

LET mortal tongues attempt to sing
The wars of heav'n when Michael stood
Chief general of the eternal king,
And fought the battles of our God.

2 Against the dragon and his host
The armies of the Lord prevail ;
In vain they rage, in vain they boast,
Their courage sinks, their weapons fail,

3 Down to the earth was satan thrown,
Down to the earth his legions fell ;
Then was the trump of triumph blown,
And shook the dreadful deeps of hell.

4 Now is the hour of darkness past,
Christ has assum'd his reigning pow'r ;

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Behold

Behold the great accuser cast
Down from the skies, to rise no more.

5 'Twas by thy blood, immortal Lamb,
'Thine armies trod the tempter down ;
'Twas by thy word and pow'rful name
They gain'd the battle and renown.

6 Rejoice ye heav'ns ; let ev'ry star
Shine with new glories round the iky ;
Saints while you sing the heav'nly war,
Raise your deliv'ers name on high.

H Y M N XLV.

Rev. I. 5, 6, 7.

NOW to the Lord, that makes us know
The wonders of his dying love,
Be humble honors paid below,
And strains of nobler praise above.

2 'Twas he that cleans'd our foulest sins,
And wash'd us in his richest blood :
'Tis he that makes us priests and kings,
And brings us rebels near to God.

3 To Jesus our atoning priest,
To Jesus our superior king,
Be everlasting power confess'd,
And ev'ry tongue his glory sing.

4 Behold on flying clouds he comes,
And ev'ry eye shall see him move ;
Tho' with our sins we peirc'd him once,
Then he displays his pard'ning love.

5 The unbelieving world shall wail
While we rejoice to see the day ;
Come Lord : nor let thy promise fail,
Nor let thy chariots long delay.

HYMN

H Y M N XLVI.

Rev. V. 1, 12, 13.

- 1 **C**OME let us join our chearful songs
with angels round the throne ;
Ten thousand thousands are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.
- 2 “ Worthy the Lamb that dy’d,” they cry,
“ to be exalted thus ;”
Worthy the Lamb, our lips reply,
for he was slain for us.
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
honor and power divine ;
And blessings more than we can give,
be, Lord forever thine.
- 4 Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.
- 5 The whole creation join in one,
to bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

H Y M N XLVII.

1 John iii, &c. Gal. iy. 6.

- 1 **B**EHOLD what wond’rous grace
the Father has bestow’d,
On sinners of a mortal race,
to call them sons of God !
- 2 ’Tis no surprizing thing,
that we should be unknown ;
The Jewish world knew not their king,
God’s everlasting Son ;
- 3 Nor doth it yet appear
how great we must be made ;

But

But when we see our Saviour here,
we shall be like our head.

4 A hope so much divine
may trials well endure,

May purge our souls from sense and sin
as Christ the Lord is pure.

5 If in my Father's love
I share a filial part,

Send down thy spirit, like a dove,
to rest upon my heart.

6 We would no longer lie
like slaves beneath the throne :

My faith shall abba Father cry,
and thou the kindred own.

H Y M N XLVIII.

Sol. Song VIII. 5, 6, 7, 13, 14.

1 **W**HO is this fair One in distress,
That travels from the wilderness,
And press'd with sorrows and with sins,
On her beloved Lord she leans.

2 This is the spouse of Christ our God,
Bought with the treasures of his blood
And her request, and her complaint,
Is but the voice of ev'ry saint.

3 " O let my name engraven stand,
" Both on thy heart and on thy hand :
" Seal me upon thine arm, and wear
" That pledge of love for ever there.

4 " Stronger than death thy love is known,
" Which floods of wrath could never drown;
" And hell and earth in vain combine
" To quench a fire so much divine.

5 " But I am jealous of my heart,
" Lest it should once from thee depart ;
" Then

And the whole race of Adam stand
guilty before the Lord.

3 In vain we ask God's righteous law
to justify us now,

Since to convince and to condemn
is all the law can do.

4 Jesus, how glorious is thy grace,
when in thy name we trust !

Our faith receives a righteousness
that makes the sinner just.

H Y M N LII.

John III. 16, 17, 18.

1 **N**OT to condemn the sons of men
Did Christ the Son of God appear ;
No weapons in his hands are seen,
No flaming sword, nor thunder there.

2 Such was the pity of our God,
He lov'd the race of man so well,
He sent his Son to bear our load
Of sins, and save our souls from hell.

3 Sinners, believe the Saviour's word,
Trust in his mighty name, and live ;
A thousand joys his lips afford,
His hands a thousand blessings give.

4 But vengeance and damnation lies
On rebels who refuse the grace ;
Who God's eternal Son despise,
The hottest hell shall be their place.

H Y M N LIII.

1 Cor. II. 9, 10. Rev. XXI. 27.

1 **N**OR eye hath seen, nor ear has heard,
nor sense nor reason known,

What

What joys the Father has prepar'd
for those that love his Son.

2 But the good spirit of the Lord
reveals a heaven to come ;

The beams of glory in his word
allure and guide us home.

3 Pure are the joys above the sky,
and all the region peace ;

No wanton lips nor envious eye
can see or taste the bliss.

4 Those holy gates for ever bar,
pollution, sin, and shame :

None shall obtain admittance there
But foll'wers of the Lamb.

5 He keeps the Father's book of life ;
there all their names are found ;

The hypocrite in vain shall strive
to tread the heav'nly ground.

H Y M N LIV.

Rom. VI. 1, 2, 6.

1 **S**HALL we go on to sin,
because thy grace abounds,

Or crucify the Lord again
and open all his wounds ?

2 Forbid it mighty God
nor let it e'er be said,

That we whose sins are crucify'd
should raise them from the dead.

3 We will be slaves no more,
since Christ has made us free,

Has nail'd our tyrants to his cross,
and bought our liberty.

HYMN

- “ Then let thy name be well impress’d,
 “ As a fair signet on my breast.
 6 “ ’Till thou hast brought me to thy home,
 “ Where fears and doubts can never come,
 “ Thy count’nance let me often see,
 “ And often thou shalt hear from me.
 7 “ Come, my beloved haste away
 “ Cut short the hours of thy delay,
 “ Fly like a youthful hart or roe
 “ Over the hills where spices grow.”

H Y M N XLIX.

Job IV. 17,———21.

- S** HALL the vile race of flesh and blood,
 Contend with their Creator, God ?
 Shall mortal worms presume to be
 More holy, wise, or just than he ?
 2 Behold he puts his trust in none
 Of all the Spirits round his throne ;
 Their natures when compar’d with his,
 Are neither holy, just, nor wise.
 3 But how much meaner things are they
 Who spring from dust, and dwell in clay !
 Touch’d by the finger of thy wrath,
 We faint and vanish like the moth.
 4 From night to day, from day to night,
 We die by thousands in thy fight ;
 Bury’d in dust whole nations lie
 Like a forgotten vanity.
 5 Almighty pow’r, to thee we bow ;
 How frail are we ! how glorious thou !
 No more the sons of earth shall dare
 With an eternal God compare.

H Y M N L.

Ecclef. IX. 4, 5, 6, 10.

1 **L**IFE is the time to serve the Lord,
The time t'ensure the great reward,
And while the lamp holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner may return.

2 Life is the hour that God has giv'n,
To 'scape from hell, and fly to heav'n ;
The day of grace, and mortals may
Secure the blessings of the day.

3 The living know that they must die,
But all the dead forgotten lie ;
Their mem'ry and their sense is gone,
Alike unknowing and unknown.

4 'Their hatred and their love is lost,
'Their envy buried in the dust ;
'They have no share in all that's done
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

5 Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands, with all your might pursue,
Since no device, nor work is found,
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

6 There are no acts of pardon pass'd
In the cold grave to which we haste ;
But darkness, death, and long despair,
Reign in eternal silence there.

H Y M N LI.

Rom. III. 19,—22.

1 **V**AIN are the hopes the sons of men
on their own works have built ;
Their heart by nature all unclean,
and all their actions guilt.

2 Let Jew and Gentile stop their mouths
without a murm'ring word,

And

H Y M M LV.

Phil. III. 7, 8, 9.

1 **N**O more, my God, I boast no more
Of all the duties I have done ;
I quit the hopes I held before
To trust the merits of thy Son.

2 Now for the love I bare his name,
What was my gain I count my loss ;
My former pride I call my shame,
And nail my glory to his cross.

3 Yes, and I must and will esteem
All things but loss for Jesus' sake :
O may my soul be found in him,
And of his righteousness partake !

4 The best obedience of my hands
Dares not appear before thy throne ;
But faith can answer thy demands,
By pleading what my Lord has done.

H Y M N LVI. Rom. VII. 8, &c.

1 **L**ORD, how secure my conscience was,
and felt no inward dread !

I was alive without the law,
and thought my sins were dead.

2 My hopes of heav'n were firm and bright
but since the precept came
With a convincing pow'r and light,
I find how vile I am.

3 My guilt appear'd but small before,
'till terrible I saw
How perfect, holy, just, and pure
was thine eternal law.

4 Then felt my soul the heavy load,
my sins reviv'd again,
I had provok'd a dreadful God
and all my hopes were slain.

5 I'm

- 5 I'm like a helpless captive fold,
under the power of sin ;
I cannot do the good I would
nor keep my conscience clean.
- 6 My God, I cry with ev'ry breath
for some kind pow'r to save.
To break the yoke of sin and death
and thus redeem the slave.

H Y M N LVII.

Joh. I. 17. Heb. III. 3, &c. X: 29.

- 1 **T**HE law by Moses came,
but peace, and truth, and love,
Were brought by Christ (a nobler name)
descending from above.
- 2 Amidst the house of God
their diff'rent works were done ;
Moses a faithful servant stood,
but Christ a faithful Son.
- 3 Then to his new commands,
be strict obedience paid ;
O'er all his Father's house he stands
the sovereign and the head.
- 4 The man that durst despise
the law that Moses brought !
Behold ! how terribly he dies
for his presumptuous fault.
- 5 But sorer vengeance falls
on that rebellious race,
Who hate to hear when Jesus calls,
and dare resist his grace.

H Y M N LVIII.

Heb. IV. 15, 16, & V. 7. Matt. XII 20.

- 1 **W**ITH joy we meditate the grace
of our high-priest above ;

His

His heart is made of tenderness,
his bowels melt with love.

2 Touch'd with a sympathy within
he knows our feeble frame,

He knows what sore temptations mean,
for he has felt the same.

3 But spotless innocent and pure
the great Redeemer stood,
While Satan's fiery darts he bore,
and did resist to blood.

4 He in the days of feeble flesh
pour'd out his cries and tears,
And in his measure feels afresh
what every member bears.

5 He'll never quench the smoking flax
but raise it to a flame ;
The bruised reed he never breaks,
nor scorns the meanest name.

6 Then let our humble faith address
his mercy and his pow'r,
We shall obtain deliv'ring grace
in the distressing hour.

H Y M N LIX.

Titus II. 10—13.

1 **S**O let our lips and lives express
the holy gospel we profess,
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine.

2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
The honors of our Saviour God ;
When the salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the pow'r of sin.

3 Our

3 Our flesh and sense must be deny'd ;
 Passion and envy, lust and pride ;
 While justice, temp'rance, truth and love
 Our inward piety approve.

4 Religion bears our spirits up
 While we expect that blessed hope,
 The bright appearance of the Lord
 And faith stands leaning on his word.

H Y M N LX.

1 Cor. XIII. 1, 2, 3.

HAD I the tongues of Greeks and Jews
 And nobler speech than angels use,
 If love be absent, I am found
 Like tinkling brass and empty sound.
 2 Were I inspir'd to preach and tell
 All that is done in heav'n and hell,
 Or could my faith the world remove,
 Still I am nothing without love.

3 Should I distribute all my store
 To feed the bowels of the poor,
 Or give my body to the flame,
 To gain a martyr's glorious name :
 4 If love to God and love to man
 Be absent, all my hopes are vain :
 Nor tongues, nor gifts nor fiery zeal,
 The work of love can e'er fulfil.

H Y M N LXI.

2 Tim. 1, 9, 10.

NOW to the pow'r of God supreme
 Be everlasting honours giv'n,
 He saves from hell (we bless his name)
 He calls our wand'ring feet to heav'n.
 2 Not for our duties nor deserts,
 But of his own abounding grace,

He works salvation in our hearts,
And forms a people for his praise.

3 'Twas his own purpose that began
To rescue rebels doom'd to die ;
He gave us grace in Christ his Son
Before he spread the starry sky.

4 Jesus the Lord appears at last,
And makes his Father's counsels known ;
Declares the great transactions pass'd,
And brings immortal blessings down.

5 He dies ; and in that dreadful night
Did all the pow'rs of hell destroy ;
Rising he brought our heav'n to light,
And took possession of the joy.

H Y M N LXII.

Isa. LIII. 1—5, 10—12.

1 **W**HO has believ'd thy word,
or thy salvation known ;
Reveal thine arm, almighty Lord,
and glorify thy Son.

2 The Jews esteem'd him here
too mean for their belief ;
Sorrow his chief acquaintance were,
and his companion, grief.

3 They turn'd their eyes away,
and treated him with scorn ;
But 'twas their grief upon him lay,
their sorrows he has born.

4 'Twas for the stubborn Jews
and Gentiles then unknown,
The God of justice pleas'd to bruise
his best-beloved Son.

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5 " But

- 5 " But I'll prolong his days,
 " and make his kingdom stand,
 " My pleasure (saith the God of grace)
 " shall prosper in his hand.
- 6 " His joyful soul shall see
 " the purchase of his pain,
 " And by his knowledge justify
 " the guilty sons of men.
- 7 " Ten thousand captive slaves
 " releas'd from death and sin,
 " Shall quit their prisons and their graves,
 " and own his pow'r divine.
- 8 " Heav'n shall advance my Son
 " to joys that earth deny'd ;
 " Who saw the follies men had done
 " and bore their sins and dy'd."

H Y M N LXIII.

- 1 **H**OW short and hasty is our life !
 how vast our souls affairs !
 Yet senseless mortals vainly strive
 to lavish out their years.
- 2 Our days run thoughtlessly along,
 without a moment's stay,
 Just like a story or a song,
 we pass our lives away,
- 3 God from on high invites us home,
 but we march heedless on,
 And ever hast'ning to the tomb,
 stoop downwards as we run.
- 4 How we deserve the deepest hell
 that slight the joys above !
 What chains of vengeance should we feel
 that break such cords of love !

5 Draw us, O God, with sov'reign grace,
and lift our thoughts on high,
That we may end this mortal race
and see salvation nigh.

H Y M N LXIV.

1 **N**OW to the Lord a noble song !
Awake my soul, awake my tongue ;
Hosanna to th' eternal name,
And all his boundless love proclaim.
2 See where it shines in Jesus' face
The brightest image of his grace ;
God in the person of his Son,
Has all his mighty works out-done.

3 The spacious earth, and spreading flood
Proclaim the wise, the pow'rful God,
And thy rich glories from afar,
Sparkle in ev'ry rolling star.

4 But in his looks a glory stands,
The noblest labour of thine hands :
The pleasing lustre of his eyes
Out-shines the wonders of the skies.

5 Grace ! 'tis a sweet, a charming theme :
My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name :
Ye angels, dwell upon the sound,
Ye heav'ns reflect it to the ground.

6 O may I live to reach the place
Where he unveils his lovely face,
Where all his beauties you behold,
And sing his name to harps of gold !

H Y M N LXV.

Phil. II. 6, &c.

1 **B**Right king of glory, dreadful God !
Our spirits bow before thy seat,

To

To thee we lift an humble thought,
 And worship at thine awful feet.
 2 Thy pow'r hath form'd thy wisdom sways
 All nature with a sov'reign word;
 And the bright world of stars obeys
 The will of their superior Lord.

3 Mercy and truth unite in one,
 And smiling sit at thy right-hand;
 Eternal justice guards thy throne,
 And vengeance waits thy dread command.

4 A thousand seraphs strong and bright
 Stand round the glorious deity;
 But who amongst the sons of light
 Pretends comparison with thee?

5 Yet there is one of human frame,
 Jesus array'd in flesh and blood,
 Thinks it no robbery to claim
 A full equality with God.

6 Their glory shines with equal beams;
 Their essence is for ever one,
 Tho' they are known by diff'rent names,
 The Father-God and God the Son.

7 Then let the name of Christ our king
 With equal honours be ador'd;
 His praise let every angel sing,
 And all the nations own the Lord.

H Y M N LXVI.

H Ark! from the tombs a doleful sound;
 my ears attend the cry,
 " Ye living men, come view the ground,
 " where you must shortly lie.

2 " Princes, this clay must be your bed
 " in spite of all your tow'rs;

" The

“ The tall, the wise, the rev’rend head
 “ must lie as low as ours.

3 Great God ! is this our certain doom ?
 and are we still secure ?

Still walking downwards to our tomb,
 and yet prepare no more !

4 Grant us the pow’rs of quick’ning grace,
 to fit our souls to fly,

Then, when we drop this dying flesh,
 we’ll rise above the sky.

H Y M N LXVII.

Zech. XII. 7.

1 **T**HUS saith the Ruler of the skies,
 “ awake my dreadful sword ;

“ Awake my wrath, and smite the man
 “ my fellow saith the Lord.

2 Vengeance receiv’d the dread command
 and armed down she flies,

Jesus submits t’ his Father’s hand,
 and bows his head, and dies.

3 But oh ! the wisdom and the grace
 that join with vengeance now !

He dies to save our guilty race,
 and yet he rises too.

4 A person so divine was he
 who yielded to be slain,

That he could give his soul away,
 and take his life again.

5 Live, glorious Lord, and reign on high
 let ev’ry nation sing,

And angels sound with endless joy
 the Saviour and the king.

H Y M N LXVIII.

- 1 **I**NFINITE grief! amazing woe!
 behold my bleeding Lord!
 Hell and the Jews conspir'd his death,
 and us'd the Roman sword.
- 2 Oh! the sharp pangs of smarting pain
 my dear Redeemer bore,
 When knotty whips, and ragged thorns
 his sacred body tore!
- 3 But knotty whips, and ragged thorns
 in vain I do accuse,
 In vain I blame the Roman bands,
 and the more spiteful Jews.
- 4 'Twere you, my sins, my cruel sins,
 his chief tormentors were!
 Each of my crimes became a nail,
 and unbelief the spear.
- 5 'Twere you, that pull'd the vengeance down
 upon his guiltless head:
 Break, break my heart, oh; burst mine eyes,
 and let my sorrows bleed.
- 6 Strike, mighty grace, my flinty soul,
 'till melting waters flow,
 And deep repentance drown mine eyes,
 in undissembled woe.

H Y M N LXIX.

Heb. XII. 18, &c.

- 1 **N**OT to the terrors of the Lord,
 the tempest, fire and smoke,
 Not to the thunder of that word
 which God on Sinai spoke;
- 2 But we are come to Sion's hill,
 the city of our God,

Where

Where milder words declare his will,
and spread his love abroad.

3 Behold the innumerable host
of angels cloath'd in light ;
Behold the spirits of the just
whose faith is turn'd to fight.
4 Behold the blest assembly there,
whose names are writ in heav'n ;
And God the judge of all declares
their vilest sins forgiv'n.

5 The saints on earth and all the dead
but one communion make ;
All join in Christ their living head,
and of his grace partake.
6 In such society as this
my weary soul would rest ;
The man that dwells where Jesus is
must be forever blest.

H Y M N LXX.

Isa. L. 10, 11. Chap. XXVIII. 20.

“ Where are the mourners (saith the Lord)
“ That wait and tremble at my word,
“ That walk in darkness all the day ?
“ Come, make my name your trust and stay,
2 “ No works nor duties of your own
“ Can for the smallest sin atone ;
“ The robes that nature may provide
“ Will not your least pollutions hide.
3 “ The softest couch that nature knows
“ Can give the conscience no repose :
“ Look to my righteousness, and live ;
“ Comfort and peace are mine to give.

4 “ Ye

4 " Ye sons of pride that kindle coals,
 " With your own hands to warm your souls,
 " Walk in the light of your own fire,
 " Enjoy the sparks that ye desire.

5 " This is your portion at my hands ;
 " Hell waits you with her iron bands,
 " Ye shall lie down in sorrow there,
 " In death, in darkness, and despair."

H Y M N LXXI.

Job XI. 7, &c. XXV. 5. XXVI. 11.

1 **C**AN creatures to perfection find
 Th' eternal uncreated mind ;
 Or can the largest stretch of thought
 Measure and search his nature out !
 2 'Tis high as heav'n, 'tis deep as hell,
 And what can mortals know or tell ?
 His glory spreads beyond the sky,
 And all the shining worlds on high.

3 But man, vain man, would fain be wise,
 Born like a wild young colt he flies
 Thro' all the follies of his mind,
 And swells, and snuffs the empty wind.
 4 God is a king of pow'r unknown,
 Firm are the orders of his throne ;
 If he resolve, who dare oppose,
 Or ask him why, or what he does ?

5 He wounds the heart and he makes whole ;
 He calms the tempest of the soul :
 When he shuts up in long despair,
 Who can remove the heavy bar ?

6 He frowns, and darkness veils the moon,
 The fainting sun goes down at noon :
 The pillars of heav'n's starry roof
 Tremble and start at his reproof. 7 He

7 He gave the vaulted heav'n its form,
 The crooked serpent, and the worm ;
 He breaks the billows with his breath,
 And smites the sons of pride to death.
 8 These are a portion of his ways ;
 But who shall dare describe his face ?
 Who can endure his light ; or stand
 To hear the thunders of his hand ?

H Y M N LXXII.

1 Cor. XI. 23, &c.

1 'T WAS on that dark, that doleful night,
 when pow'rs of earth and hell arose,
 Against the Son of God's delight,
 And friends betray'd him to his foes :
 2 Before the mournful scene began,
 He took the bread, and bless'd, and brake :
 What love thro' all his actions ran !
 What wond'rous words of grace he spake !
 3 " This is my body broke for sin,
 " Receive and eat the living food ;"
 Then took the cup, and bless'd the wine ;
 " 'Tis the new cov'nant in my blood.
 4 " Do this, (he cry'd) till time shall end,
 " In mem'ry of your dying friend ;
 " Meet at my table and record
 " The love of your departed Lord."
 5 Jesus, thy feast we celebrate,
 We shew thy death, we sing thy name,
 'Til Thou return and we shall eat
 The marriage supper of the Lamb.

H Y M N LXXIII.

Gal. VI. 14.

1 **W**HEN I survey the wond'rous cross,
 on which the prince of glory dy'd,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ my God :
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down !
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet ?
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?
 4 His dying crimson, like a robe,
 Spreads o'er his body on the tree !
 Then am I dead to all the globe,
 And all the globe is dead to me.
 5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small :
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

H Y M N LXXIV.

Luke XIV. 16, &c.

1 **H**OW rich are thy provisions, Lord !
 Thy table furnish'd from above !
 The fruits of life o'erspread the board,
 The cup o'erflows with heav'nly love.
 2 Thine ancient family the Jews,
 Were first invited to the feast :
 We humbly take what they refuse,
 And Gentiles thy salvation taste. 3 We

3 We are the poor, the blind, the lame,
And help was far, and death was nigh !
But, at the gospel-call, we came,
And ev'ry want receiv'd supply.

4 From the highway that leads to hell,
From paths of darkness and despair,
Lord, we are come with thee to dwell,
Glad to enjoy thy presence here.

5 What shall we pay th' eternal Son,
That left the heav'n of his abode,
And to this wretched earth came down,
To bring us wand'ers back to God !

6 It cost him death, to save our lives ;
To buy our souls, it cost his own ;
And all the unknown joys he gives,
Were bought with agonies unknown.

7 Our everlasting love is due
To him that ransom'd sinners lost ;
And pity'd rebels when he knew
The vast expence his love would cost.

H Y M N LXXV.

1 **G**LORY to God the Father's name,
Who from our sinful race,
Chose out his fav'rites to proclaim
the honors of his grace.

2 Glory to God the Son be paid,
who dwelt in humble clay,
And to redeem us from the dead,
gave his own life away.

3 Glory to God the Spirit give,
from whose almighty pow'r
Our souls their heav'nly birth derive,
and bless the happy hour.

4 Glory

4 Glory to God that reigns above,
 th' eternal Three and One,
 Who by the wonders of his love,
 has made his nature known.

H Y M N LXXVI.

1 **T**O him that chose us first,
 Before the world began ;
 To him that bore the curse,
 To save rebellious man ;
 To him that form'd
 Our hearts anew,
 Is endless praise
 And glory due.

2 The Father's love shall run
 Thro' our immortal songs ;
 We bring to God the Son
 Hosanna's on our tongues ;
 Our lips address
 The Spirit's name
 With equal praise,
 And zeal the same.

3 Let ev'ry saint above,
 And angel round the throne,
 For ever bless and love
 The sacred Three in One :
 Thus heav'n shall raise
 His honor's high,
 When earth and time
 Grow old and die.

H Y M N LXXVII.

Hof. III. 5. Luke XXIV. 44. Pf. 35. 12, 14.

- 1 **B**EHOLD the love, the gen'rous love
that holy David shows :
Hark, how his sounding bowels move
to his afflicted foes !
- 2 When they are sick, his soul complains,
and seems to feel the smart ;
The spirit of the gospel reigns,
and melts his pious heart.
- 3 How did his flowing tears condole,
as for a brother dead !
And fasting mortify'd his soul,
While for their life he pray'd,
- 4 They groan'd, and curs'd him on their beds ;
yet still he pleads and mourns ;
And double blessings on his head
the righteous God returns.
- 5 O glorious Type of heav'nly grace !
thus Christ the Lord appears ;
While sinners curse the Saviour prays,
and pities them with tears.
- 6 He the true David, Israel's king,
blest and lov'd of God,
To save us rebels dead in sin
pay'd his own dearest blood.

H Y M N LXXVIII.

Luke. I. 32. X. 21. Psa. XXI. 1, 8.

- 1 **D**AVID rejoic'd in God his strength,
Rais'd to the throne by special grace,
But Christ the Son appears at length,
Fulfil the triumph and the praise.

2 How great is the Messiah's joy
In the salvation of thy hand !
Lord, thou hast rais'd his kingdom high,
And giv'n the world to his command.

3 Thy goodness grants whate'er he will,
Nor doth the least request with-hold ;
Blessings of love prevent him still,
And crowns of glory, not of gold.

4 Honour and majesty divine
Around his sacred temple shine ;
Blest with the favour of thy face,
And length of everlasting days.

5 Thine hand shall find out all his foes ;
And as a fiery oven glows
With raging heat and living coals,
So shall thy wrath devour their souls.

H Y M N LXXIX.

Isa. XLII. 1. Heb. I. 5. &c. Ps. 89. 1, &c.

FOR ever shall my song record
The truth and mercy of the Lord ;
Mercy and truth for ever stand
Like heav'n establish'd by his hand.

2 Thus to his Son he sware, and said,
" With thee my cov'nant first is made ;
" In thee shall dying sinners live ;
" Glory and grace are thine to give.

3 " Be thou my prophet, thou my priest ;
" Thy children shall be ever blest ;
" Thou art my chosen king : thy throne
" Shall stand eternal like my own.

4 " There's none of all my sons above ;
" So much my image, or my love ;

" Celestial

“ Celestial pow’rs thy subjects are ;
 “ Then what can earth to thee compare ?

5 “ David, my servant, whom I chose
 “ To guard my flock, to crush my foes,
 “ And rais’d him to the Jewish throne,
 “ Was but the shadow of my Son.”

6 Now let the church rejoice, and sing
 Jesus her Saviour and her king ;
 Angels his heavenly wonders show,
 And saints declare his works below.

H Y M N LXXX.

Mat. XXI. 15, 16. Psa. VIII. 1, 2.

ALMIGHTY Ruler of the skies,
 thro’ the wide earth thy name is spread
 And thine eternal glory rise
 O’er all the heav’ns thy hands have made.
 2 To thee the voices of the young,
 A monument of honour raise ;
 And babes with uninstructed tongue
 Declares the wonders of thy praise.

3 Thy pow’r assists their tender age
 To bring proud rebels to the ground,
 To still the bold blasphemer’s rage,
 And all their policies confound.

4 Children amidst thy temple throng
 To see their great Redeemer’s face ;
 The Son of David is their song,
 And young hofannas fill the place.

5 The frowning scribes and angry priests
 In vain their impious cavils bring ;
 Revenge sits silent in their breasts,
 While Jewish babes proclaim their king

H Y M N LXXXI.

Heb. II. 5. &c. Psa. VIII. 3, &c.

Lord, what was man, when made at first,
 Adam the offspring of the dust,
 'That thou should'st sit him and his race
 But just below an angel's place ?
 2 'That thou should'st raise his nature so,
 And make him Lord of all below,
 Make ev'ry beast and bird submit,
 And lay the fishes at his feet ?

3 But, O what brighter glories wait
 To crown the second Adam's state !
 What honours shall thy Son adorn,
 Who condescended to be born ?
 4 See him below his angels made ;
 See him in dust amongst the dead,
 'To save a ruin'd world from sin :
 But he shall reign with pow'r divine.

5 The world to come redeem'd from all
 'The mis'ries that attend the fall,
 New-made, and glorious, shall submit
 At our exalted Saviour's feet.

H Y M N LXXXII.

Acts IV. 24. XIII. 33 Heb. I. 5. Ps. II. 1, &c.

1 **M**AKER and sov'reign Lord
 of heaven, and earth, and seas,
 'Thy providence confirms thy word,
 and answers thy decrees.
 2 the things so long foretold
 by David are fulfill'd,
 When Jews and Gentiles join'd to slay
 Jesus thine holy child.

- 3 Why did the Gentiles rage,
and Jews with one accord
Bend all their counsels to destroy
th' anointed of the Lord ?
- 4 Rulers and kings agree
to form a vain design,
Against the Lord their pow'rs unite,
against his Christ they join.
- 5 The Lord derides their rage,
and will support his throne ;
He that hath rais'd him from the dead,
hath own'd him for his Son.
- 6 Now he's ascended high,
and asks to rule the earth ;
The merit of his blood he pleads,
and pleads his heav'nly birth.
- 7 He asks, and God bestows
a large inheritance ;
Far as the world's remotest ends
his kingdom shall advance.
- 8 The nations that rebel
must feel his iron rod ;
He'll vindicate those honors well
which he receiv'd from God.
- 9 Be wise, ye rulers, now,
and worship at his throne ;
With trembling joy, ye people bow
To God's exalted Son.
- 10 If once his wrath arise,
ye perish on the place :
Then blessed is the soul that flies
for refuge to his grace.

H Y M N LXXXIII.

Heb. I. 10. Ps. X. 2, 23, &c.

IT is the Lord our Saviour's hand
Weakens our strength amidst the race,
Disease and death at his command
Arrest us, and cut short our days ;
2 Spare us, O Lord, aloud we pray,
Nor let our sun go down at noon :
Thy years are one eternal day ;
And must thy children die so soon !

3 Yet in the midst of death and grief,
This thought our sorrow shall assuage ;
“ Our Father and our Saviour live :
“ Christ is the same thro' every age.”

4 'Twas he this earth's foundation laid ;
Heav'n is the building of his hand ;
This earth grows old, these heav'ns shall fade,
And all be chang'd at his command.

5 The starry curtains of the sky
Like garments shall be laid aside ;
But still thy throne stands firm and high ;
Thy church for ever must abide.

6 Before thy face thy church shall live,
And on thy throne thy children reign ;
This dying world shall they survive,
And the dead saints be rais'd again.

H Y M N LXXXIV.

Heb. I. 6. Ps. XCVII. 6, 9.

THE Lord is come ; the heav'ns proclaim
His birth ; the nations learn his name,
An unknown star directs the road
Of eastern sages to their God.

2 All ye bright armies of the skies,
 Go, worship where the Saviour lies :
 Angels and kings before him bow,
 Those gods on high and gods below.
 3 Let idols totter to the ground,
 And their own worshippers confound ;
 But Judah shout, but Zion sing,
 And earth confess her sov'reign king.

H Y M N LXXXV.

Rom. XV. 3. Job XV. 25. II. 17. Cor.
 VI. 2. Ps. LXIX. 1, 14.

1 " **S**AVE me, O God, the swelling floods
 " break in upon my soul :
 " I sink ; and sorrows o'er my head
 " like mighty waters roll.
 2 " I cry till all my voice be gone,
 " in tears I waste the day ;
 " My God, behold my longing eyes,
 " and shorten thy delay.
 3 " They hate my soul without a cause,
 " and still their numbers grows,
 " More than the hairs around my head,
 " and mighty are my foes.
 4 " 'Twas then I paid that dreadful debt
 " that men could never pay ;
 " And gave those honors to thy law,
 " which sinners took away."
 5 Thus in the great Messiah's name,
 the royal prophet mourns ;
 Thus he awakes our hearts to grief,
 and gives us joy by turns.

6 " Now

- 6 " Now shall the saints rejoice and find
 " salvation in thy name ;
 " For I have borne their heavy load
 " of sorrow, pain and shame.
- 7 " Grief like a garment cloath'd me round,
 " and sackcloth was my dress,
 " While I procur'd for naked souls,
 " a robe of righteousness.
- 8 " Amongst my brethren and the Jews
 " I like a stranger stood,
 " And bore their vile reproach, to bring
 the Gentiles near to God.
- 9 " I came in sinful mortals stead
 " to do my Father's will :
 " Yet when I cleans'd my Father's house,
 they scandaliz'd my zeal.
- 10 " My fasting and my holy groans
 " were made the drunkard's song ;
 " But God from his celestial throne
 " heard my complaining tongue.
- 11 " He sav'd me from the dreadful deep,
 " nor let my soul be drown'd ;
 " He rais'd and fix'd my sinking feet
 on well-establish'd ground.
- 12 " 'Twas in a most accepted hour
 " my pray'r arose on high,
 " And for my sake my God shall hear
 " the dying sinner's cry."

H Y M N LXXXVI.

Mark XV. 23, 24. Ps. LXIX. 14, &c.

- 1 **N**OW-let our lips with holy fear
 and mournful pleasure sing

The

The suff'rings of our great high-priest,
the sorrows of our king.

2 He sinks in floods of deep distress ;
how high the waters rise !

While to his heav'nly Father's ear
he sends perpetual cries.

3 " Hear me, O Lord, and save thy Son,
" nor hide thy shining face ;

" Why should thy favourite look like one
" forsaken of thy grace ?

4 " With rage they persecute the man
" that groans beneath thy wound,

" While for a sacrifice I pour
" my life upon the ground.

5 " They tread my honor to the dust,
" and laugh when I complain ;

" Their sharp insulting flanders add
" fresh anguish to my pain.

6 " All my reproach is known to thee,
" the scandal and the shame ;

" Reproach has broke my bleeding heart,
" and lies defil'd my name.

7 " I look'd for pity, but in vain ;
" my kindred are my grief ;

" I ask my friends for comfort round,
" but meet with no relief.

8 " With vinegar they mock my thirst,
" they give me gaul for food ;

" And sporting with my dying groans,
" they triumph in my blood.

9 " Shine into my distressed soul,
" let thy compassions save ;

" And

- “ And tho’ my flesh sink down to death,
 “ redeem it from the grave.
 10 “ I shall arise to praise thy name,
 “ shall reign in worlds unknown ;
 “ And thy salvation, O my God,
 “ shall seat me on thy throne.

H Y M N LXXXVII.

Rom. XI. 11, 16. Heb. XII. 2. XIII. 13.

Ps. LXIX. 29, &c.

- F**ATHER, I sing thy wond’rous grace,
 I bless my Saviour’s name ;
 He bought salvation for the poor,
 and bore the sinner’s shame.
 2 His deep distress has rais’d us high,
 his duty and his zeal
 Fulfill’d the law which mortals broke,
 and finish’d all thy will.
 3 His dying groans, his living songs,
 shall better please my God,
 Than harps or trumpet’s solemn sound,
 than goats or bullocks blood.
 4 This shall his humble followers see,
 and set their hearts at rest ;
 They by his death draw near to thee,
 and live forever blest.
 5 Let heav’n and all that dwell on high,
 to God their voices raise,
 While lands and seas assist the sky,
 and join to’ advance his praise.
 6 Zion is thine, most holy God,
 thy Son shall bless her gates ;
 And glory purchas’d by his blood
 for thy own Isr’el waits.

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H Y M N LXXXVIII.

Heb. X. 4. &c. Pf. XL. 6, 9.

- T**Hus saith the Lord, "your works is vain
 " give your burnt off'rings o'er,
 " In dying goats and bullocks slain
 " my soul delights no more.
- 2 Then spake the Saviour, " lo I'm here,
 " my God, to do thy will ;
 " What-e'er thy sacred books declare
 " thy servant shall fulfil.
- 3 " Thy law is ever in my sight,
 " I keep it in my heart :
 " Mine eyes are open'd with delight
 " to what thy lips impart.
- 4 " And see, the blest Redeemer comes,
 th' eternal Son appears,
 And at th' appointed time assumes
 the body God prepares.
- 5 Much he reveal'd his Father's grace,
 and much his truth he shew'd ;
 And preach'd the way of righteousness
 where great assemblies stood.
- 6 His Father's honour toucht his heart,
 he pity'd sinners cries,
 And to fulfil a Saviour's part,
 was made a sacrifice.
- 2 No blood of beasts on altars shed
 could wash the conscience clean ;
 But the rich sacrifice he paid
 atones for all our sin.
- 8 Then was the great salvation spread,
 and satan's kingdom shook.
 Thus by the woman's promis'd seed
 the serpent's head was broke.

H Y M N LXXXIX.

Acts II. 25, &c. XIII. 35. Ps. XVI. 8, &c.

- 1 **I** Set the Lord before my face,
“ he bears my courage up ;
“ My heart and tongue their joys express,
“ my flesh shall rest in hope.
- 2 “ My spirit, Lord, thou wilt not leave,
“ where souls departed are,
“ Nor quit my body to the grave
“ to see corruption there.
- 3 “ Thou wilt reveal the path of life
“ and raise me to thy throne :
“ Thy courts immortal pleasure give,
“ thy presence joys unknown.”
- 4 Thus in the name of Christ, the Lord,
the holy David sung,
And Providence fulfils the word
of his prophetic tongue.
- 5 Jesus, whom ev’ry saint adores,
was crucify’d and slain ;
Behold, the tomb its prey restores,
behold, he lives again.
- 6 When shall my feet arise and stand
on heav’ns eternal hills ?
There sits the Son at God’s right-hand,
and there the Father smiles.

H Y M N XC.

Luke XXIV. 51. 52. Acts I. 9. Ps. XLVII.

- 1 **O** For a shout of sacred joy
to God the sov’reign king !
Let ev’ry land their tongues employ,
and hymns of triumph sing.

- 2 Jesus, our God ascends on high;
his heav'nly guards around
Attend him rising through the sky,
with trumpets joyful sound.
- 3 While angels shout and praise their King,
let mortals learn their strains;
Let all the earth his honours sing;
o'er all the earth he reigns.
- 4 Rehearse his praise with awe profound,
let knowledge lead the song;
Nor mock him with a solemn sound
upon a thoughtless tongue.
- 5 In Isr'el stood his ancient throne,
he lov'd that chosen race;
But now he calls the world his own,
and heathens taste his grace.
- 6 The British kingdoms are the Lord's,
there Abr'am's God is known;
While pow'rs and princes, shields and swords
submit before his throne.

H Y M N XCI.

Eph. IV. 8. Heb. XII. 18, &c. Act. II. 33.
Psal. LXVIII. 17, 18.

LORD, when thou didst ascend on high
Ten thousand angels fill'd the sky;
Those heav'nly guards around thee wait,
Like chariots that attend thy state.

2 Not Sinai's mountain could appear
More glorious when the Lord was there;
While he pronounc'd his dreadful law,
And struck the chosen tribes with awe.

3 How bright the triumph none can tell,
 When the rebellious pow'rs of hell,
 That thousand souls had captive made
 Were all in chains like captives led.

4 Rais'd by his Father to the throne,
 He sent his promis'd Spirit down,
 With gifts and grace for rebel men,
 That God might dwell on earth again.

H Y M N XCII.

Luk. IV. 22. Heb I. 8, 9. Chap. IV. 12.
 1. Pet. II. 9. Joh. III. 34. Psal. XLV.

1 **M**Y Saviour and my King,
 thy beauties are divine ;
 Thy lips with blessings overflow,
 and ev'ry grace is thine.

2 Now make thy glory known,
 gird on thy dreadful sword,
 And ride in majesty to spread
 the conquests of thy word.

3 Strike thro' thy stubborn foes
 or melt their hearts t' obey,
 While justice, meekness, grace, and truth,
 attend thy glorious way.

4 Thy laws, O God, are right ;
 thy throne shall ever stand ;
 And thy victorious gospel proves
 a sceptre in thy hand.

5 Thy Father and thy God,
 hath without measure shed
 His Spirit like a joyful oil
 t' anoint thy sacred head.

6 Behold, at thy right-hand
 the Gentile church is seen,

Like

Like a fair bride in rich attire ;
and princes guard the queen.

7 Fair bride, receive his love,
forget thy father's house ;
Forfake thy gods, thy idol-gods,
and pay thy Lord thy vows.

8 O let thy God and King
thy sweetest thoughts employ ;
Thy children shall his honour sing
in palaces of joy.

H Y M N XCIII.

Mat. XXII. 9, 42. 1 Pet. II. 4, &c. Joh.
XI. 13. Pf. CXVIII. 22, &c.

1 **S**EE what a living stone
the builders did refuse ;
Yet God hath built his church thereon
in spite of envious Jews.

2 The scribe and angry priest
reject thine only Son ;
Yet on this rock shall Zion rest,
as the chief corner-stone.

3 The work, O Lord, is thine,
and wond'rous in our eyes :
This day declares it all divine,
this day did Jesus rise.

4 This is the glorious day
that our Redeemer made ;
Let us rejoice and sing and pray,
let all the church be glad.

5 Hosanna to the King
of David's royal blood ;

Bless him, ye saints ; he comes to bring
salvation from your God.

6 We bless thine holy word,
which all this grace displays ;
And offer on thine altar, Lord,
our sacrifice of praise.

H Y M N XCIV.

Isa. XLV. 21. Rom. III. 21, 7. Psal. LXXI.
15. &c.

1 **M**Y Saviour, my almighty friend,
when I begin thy praise,
Where will the growing numbers end,
the numbers of thy grace ?

2 Thou art my everlasting trust,
thy goodness I adore ;
And since I knew thy graces first
I speak thy glories more.

3 My feet shall travel all the length
of the celestial road,
And march with courage in thy strength
to see my Father-God.

4 When I am fill'd with sore distress
for some surprizing sin,
I'll plead thy perfect righteousness,
and mention none but thine.

5 How will my lips rejoice to tell
the vict'ries of my King !

My soul redeem'd from sin and hell
shall thy salvation sing.

6 My tongue shall all the day proclaim
my Saviour and my God,

His death has brought my foes to shame,
and drown'd them in his blood.

7 Awake, awake, my tuneful pow'rs ;
 with this delightful song
 I'll entertain the darkest hours,
 nor think the season long.

H Y M N XCV.

1 Cor. X. 9. Heb. III. 7, &c. Psal. XCV.

1 **C**OME, let our voices join to raise
 A sacred song of solemn praise :
 God is a sov'reign king ; rehearse
 His honours in exalted verse.

2 Come, let our souls address the Lord,
 Who fram'd our natures with his word :
 He is our shepherd ; we the sheep
 His mercy chose, his pastures keep.

3 Come, let us hear his voice to-day,
 The counsels of his love obey,
 Nor let our hard'n'd hearts renew,
 The sins and plagues that Isr'el knew.

4 Isr'el that saw his works of grace,
 Yet tempt their Maker to his face ;
 A faithless unbelieving brood,
 That tir'd the patience of their God.

5 Thus saith the Lord, " How false they
 " Forget my pow'r ; abuse my love ; [prove !
 " Since they despise my rest, I swear,
 " Their feet shall never enter there."

6 Look back, my soul, with holy dread,
 And view those ancient rebels dead ;
 Attend the offer'd grace to day,
 Nor lose the blessings by delay.

7 Seize the kind promise while it waits,
 And march to Zion's heav'nly gates ;

Believe, and take the promis'd rest ;
Obey, and be forever blest.

H Y M N XCVI.

Luke I. 32, 33. Joh. I. 49, 51. Ps. LXXII. 8.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run ;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 Behold the islands with their kings,
And Europe her best tribute brings ;
From north to south the princes meet
To pay their homage at his feet.

3 There Persia glorious to behold,
'There India shines in eastern gold ;
And barb'rous nations at his word
Submit, and bow, and own their Lord.

4 For him shall endless pray'r be made,
And praises throng to crown his head ;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning-sacrifice.

5 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song ;
And infant-voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

6 Blessings abound where'er he reigns,
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains ;
'The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

7 Where he displays his healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more ;
In him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

8 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring,
 Peculiar honours to our King :
 Angels descend with songs again,
 And earth repeat the long amen.

H Y M N XCVII.

Mat. XVIII. 20. 1 Tim. III. 15. Ps.
 CXXXII. 5, &c.

- 1 **N**O sleep nor slumber to his eyes
 good David would afford,
 'Till he had found below the skies
 a dwelling for the Lord.
- 2 'The Lord in Zion plac'd his name;
 his ark was settled there :
 To Zion the whole nation came,
 To worship thrice a year.
- 3 But we have no such lengths to go,
 nor wander far abroad ;
 Where'er thy saints assemble now
 there is a house for God.
- 4 Arise, O King of grace arise,
 and enter to thy rest,
 Lo ! thy church waits with longing eyes
 thus to be own'd and blest.
- 5 Enter with all thy glorious train,
 thy Spirit and thy word ;
 All that the ark did once contain
 could no such grace afford.
- 6 Here, mighty God, accept our vows,
 here let thy praise be spread ;
 Bless the provisions of thy house,
 and fill thy poor with bread.
- 7 Here let the Son of David reign,
 let God's anointed shine ;

Justice and truth his courts maintain
with love and pow'r divine.

8 Here let him hold a lasting throne,
and as his kingdom grows,

Fresh honours shall adorn his crown,
and shame confound his foes.

H Y M N XCVIII.

Eph. V. 19, 20. 2 Thes. I. 7. Ps. XCVII. 5.

1 **H**ereigns; the Lord the Saviour reigns!
Praise him in evangelic strains:

Let the whole earth in songs rejoice,
And distant islands join their voice.

2 Deep are his counsels and unknown;
But grace and truth support his throne;
Tho' gloomy clouds his way surround,
Justice is their eternal ground.

3 In robes of judgment, lo he comes,
Shakes the wide earth, and cleaves the tombs;
Before him burns devouring fire,
The mountains melt, the seas retire.

4 His enemies with sore dismay,
Fly from the sight, and shun the day;
Then lift your heads, ye saints, on high,
And sing, for your redemption's nigh.

H Y M N XCIX.

Ps. IX. 10.

1 **S**ING to the Lord, who loud proclaims:
His various, and his saving names;
O may, they not be heard alone,
But by our sure experience known!

2 The great Jehovah be ador'd,
Th' eternal, all-sufficient Lord,
He thro' the world most high confess'd,
By whom 'twas form'd, and is possess'd.

3 Awake.

3 Awake our noblest pow'rs, to bless
The God of Abr'am, God of peace ;
Now by a dearer title known,
Father and God of Christ his Son.

4 'Thro' ev'ry age his gracious ear
Is open to his servants prayer ;
Nor can one humble soul complain,
That he has fought his God in vain.

5 What unbelieving heart shall dare
In whispers to suggest a fear,
While still he owns his ancient name ?
The same his pow' r his love the same

6 To thee our souls in faith arise,
To thee we lift expecting eyes ;
And boldly thro' the desert tread :
For God will guard, where God shall lead.

H Y M N C.

Pf. XXXV. 3.

1 **S**ALVATION ! O melodious sound
to wretched dying men !
Salvation, that from God proceeds,
and leads to God again !

2 Rescu'd from hell's eternal gloom,
from fiends and fires and chains :
Rais'd to a paradise of bliss,
where love, with glory reigns !

3 But O ! may a degen'rate soul,
sinful and weak as mine,
Presume to raise a trembling eye
to blessings so divine ?

4 The lustre of so bright a scene
my feeble heart o'erbears ;
And unbelief almost perverts
the promise into tears.

- 5 My Saviour-God, no voice but thine
these dying hopes can raise ;
Speak thy salvation to my soul,
and turn its tears to praise.
6 My Saviour-God, this broken voice
transported shall proclaim,
And call on all th' angelic harps
to sound so sweet a name.

H Y M N CI.

Psalm XLV. 3, 4.

- 1 **L** OUD to the Prince of heav'n
Your chearful voices raise ;
To him your vows be giv'n,
And fill his courts with praise,
With conscious worth
All clad in arms,
All bright in charms,
He sallies forth.

- 2 Gird on thy conqu'ring sword,
Ascend thy shining car,
And march, almighty Lord,
To wage thy holy war,
Before his wheels
In glad surprize,
Ye valleys rise,
And sink ye hills.

- 3 Fair truth, and smiling love,
And injur'd righteousness
In thy retinue move,
And seek from thee redress :
Thou in their cause
Shall prosp'rous ride,
And far and wide
Dispense thy laws.

4 Before

4 Before thine awful face
Millions of foes shall fall,
The captives of thy grace,
That grace, which conquers all.

The world shall know,
Great King of kings,
What wond'rous things
Thine arm can do.

5 Here to my willing soul
Bend thy triumphant ways;
Here ev'ry foe controul,
And all thy pow'r display.

My heart, thy throne,
Blest Jesus see,
Bows low to thee,
To thee alone.

H Y M N CII.

Psalm CVII. 31.

1 **Y**E sons of men with joy record
the various wonders of the Lord ;
And let his pow'r and goodness sound
Thro' all your tribes the world around.

2 Let the high heav'ns your songs invite,
Those spacious fields of brilliant light ;
Where sun, and moon, and planets roll,
And stars, that glow from pole to pole.

3 Sing, earth, in verdant robes array'd,
Its herbs and flow'rs, its fruit and shade ;
Peopled with life of various forms,
Fishes and fowls, and beasts, and worms.

4 View the broad sea's majestic plains,
And think how wide its Maker reigns ;
That band remotest nations joins,
And on each wave his goodness shines.

5 But,

5 But, O that brighter world above,
 Where lives and reigns incarnate love !
 God's only Son in flesh array'd,
 For man a bleeding victim made.
 6 Thither, my soul with rapture soar :
 There in the land of praise adore :
 This theme demands an angels tongue,
 Demands a never-ending song.

H Y M N CIII.

Pfalm CXIX. 9.

1 **I**NDULGENT God, with pitying eyes
 the sons of men survey,
 And see how youthful sinners sport
 in a destructive way.
 2 Ten thousand dangers lurk around
 to bear them to the tomb ;
 Each in an hour may plunge them down,
 where hope can never come.
 3 Reduce, O Lord, their wand'ring minds,
 amus'd with airy dreams,
 That heav'nly wisdom may dispel
 their visionary schemes.
 4 With holy caution may they walk,
 and be thy word their guide ;
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